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Deadline set for voting deal

Major forced into corner on Europe

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR, AND GEORGE BROCK IN IOANNINA

JOHN Major will be forced today to choose between a full-scale crisis in Europe and a compromise deal on voting rights that could outrage much of the Conservative party.

He is to consult senior colleagues urgently after Douglas Hurd flew home from northern Greece last night with a plan that offers only limited safeguards for Britain in the acrimonious dispute that is threatening the admission of four new members to the European Union.

Political opponents immediately claimed that the Foreign Secretary had capitulated during talks in Ioannina, but he repeatedly denied last night that he had signed up for anything or that any deal had been struck.

Senior ministers are to discuss the details of the plan to determine whether it meets British reservations, but there were strong indications that some members of the Cabinet were unhappy and there was no assurance that the compromise would be accepted. Whitehall officials appeared in no mood to accept a 48-hour deadline imposed in Greece and said that a further meeting of foreign ministers could not be ruled out.

At the heart of the dispute is a proposed change in voting procedures to take into account the expansion of the community to include Austria, Sweden, Norway and Finland next year. Some issues are decided on "qualified majority voting", where votes are distributed among members according to their population: Britain and France have ten each, smaller countries have two or three. At the moment, legislation can be blocked if there are 23 votes out of 76 against the proposal. Most members want to change that to 27 votes out of 90 when the community grows, but Britain and Spain want to keep the "blocking minority" at 23.

Last night, the Greek presidency of the EU put forward a compromise changing the blocking minority to 27 combined with a promise that a minority of 23 or more would not be overruled without a "reasonable delay" for further consideration of the issue. Spain last night accepted the compromise, saying it was highly satisfactory, and although Mr Hurd refused to give his opinion, he left his European counterpars with the impression that he would recommend it to the Cabinet.

If he does, he will leave the Prime Minister facing a dilemma, since Mr Major and senior colleagues have made plain their opposition to any plan that could be seen as a British retreat. But a failure to back Mr Hurd's judgment on such a critical issue could raise fresh doubts about the Foreign Secretary's future, already fuelled by his speech to the Conservative Central Council on Friday when he warned the party against sliding into hostility to Europe.

Asked yesterday about the possibility of resignation, Mr Hurd said: "One only needs to consider resignation if you are fed up with the job, or if your colleagues or your party or country as a whole goes off in a direction one feels oneself is unacceptable. I am not in that position at all."

He added: "We have said we are willing to consider a satisfactory compromise. We are not there yet. What has happened is that the Greeks put forward a paper which no-one has agreed to yet, but they have asked for comments by Tuesday night.

"We have to consider very soberly whether it goes far enough, whether there are other comments we want to make. We shall have to make a judgment whether what is proposed adequately protects our interests."

Mr Hurd also made plain his concern about the threat to the enlargement of the EU, saying: "It would be a great own goal if that British objective were denied."

Mr Hurd may tell the Cabinet that the deal put forward is the best that can be achieved, but ministers close to the Foreign Secretary wre gloomy last night about the chances of it being accepted.

Ministers' main concern will be the strength of the safeguards being offered and the interpretation of "reasonable delay" for any contested legislation. Britain wants an indefinite delay, while others want it limited to three months. Some members meanwhile pointed out that existing procedures allowed states to force an issue to a head by a simple majority — which will mean nine members from next year. But the procedure has never been used so far.

Dick Spring, the Irish Foreign Minister, last night described the Greek proposals as an honourable compromise and Germany's Klaus Kinkel said the settlement was worth making for the sake of quickly expanding the EU.

If the deal is approved, talks to admit Austria and the Scandinavian countries will be concluded on Wednesday and the European Parliament will be asked to approve terms in May. The four countries will then hold referendums with the aim of joining the community in January.

COMPROMISE PROPOSALS

EU governments are expected to make a decision on the Greek proposals by 5pm BST tomorrow. These are:

- When four new states join the EU, the number of votes needed to block community legislation will rise from 23 out of 76 to 27 out of 90.
- Where a minority of more than 23 but less than 27 opposes a new law, the matter should be discussed for a "reasonable period".
- A special committee should start work on the implications of expanding the union from 16 to more than 20 members.

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Lt Col Robert Neill (left) and Major Ronald Foster reunited with their wives, Fiona and Jeanette in Hong Kong yesterday after their rescue from Mt Kinabalu. With them are Cheung Wai-keung and Lam Wai-ki (right) the Hong Kong soldiers who accompanied them on the expedition. Page 4

United's dream of treble ends

Manchester United's ambitions of this season becoming the first English football club to win a treble of domestic trophies ended when Aston Villa beat them 3-1 in the Coca Cola Cup final at Wembley.

Villa's goals were scored by Atkinson (25th minute) and Saunders (76th and 90th minutes). Hughes replied for United in the 82nd minute. Villa's final goal came from the penalty spot when Kanchelkis handled on the line, an infringement for which he was sent off, making him the fourth United player dismissed in five matches Page 23

Rare day of Test triumph

England's cricketers enjoyed a rare position of ascendancy over West Indies when they took a first-innings lead of 76 in the third Test in Trinidad and claimed the early wickets of Richardson and Lara when West Indies batted again. England's total of 328 was boosted by 86 from Thorpe, the highest individual innings of the match, and a tenth-wicket partnership of 34 between Salisbury and Fraser Page 23

Grand Prix shock for Williams

Michael Schumacher won the Brazilian grand prix, the opening race of the Formula One season, in Sao Paolo. His victory, in a Benetton, suggested that Williams's domination of the sport in recent years might be about to end. Ayrton Senna, driving a Williams, spun out of the race. Damon Hill, of Britain, was second Page 24

Armed police could show guns

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

GUNS could be openly worn by officers manning Scotland Yard's armed response patrols under proposals supported by Paul Condon, the Metropolitan Police commissioner.

A hardliner on increasing the arming of officers, Mr Condon is pushing a debate on the idea and has launched consultations within the Yard among senior officers and staff associations.

The plans reflect growing Yard concern at the spread of violence against officers and rise of firearms in the underworld. But the changes would be seen as yet another milestone on the road towards the eventual arming of all officers. According to senior Yard sources Mr Condon wants to end the system where the patrols have to keep their guns locked away in safes on board their cars. Instead the three-man teams in the cars would openly wear their side-arms. The Heckler and Koch carbines, which the cars also carry, will remain under lock and key.

One source said: "It is being very actively considered. For reasons of efficiency it seems a reasonable thing to do." After internal discussions Mr Condon will take the proposals to the Home Office.

The armed response patrols would be the first London officers openly and regularly to wear their arms on duty apart from the patrols mounted in the terminals at Heathrow airport. Uniformed officers guarding Downing Street, the royal palaces and diplomatic targets do not display their guns.

Yard sources believe that the armed response vehicle crews would soon be followed by officers on fixed guard duties such as Downing Street. Many other forces also now run armed response units and chief constables, especially in the big urban forces, are likely to study the London decision.

The Yard proposals come as the Government considers tougher measures against murderers of police and prison officers. Concerned at the growing risk to officers and pressure towards greater arming of police, Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, is proposing that anyone sentenced to life imprisonment for killing officers should remain in prison for the rest of their lives and not paroled.

In a letter to the Prime Minister, Mr Howard is asking for Cabinet assent to table an amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill now going through Parliament. The idea of full life sentences, he argues, would be a potent deterrent to attacks on police.

The change would win immediate police support. The

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Chancellor's tax sabotage backfires

BY ANATOLE KALETSKY, ECONOMICS EDITOR

KENNETH Clarke tried to open a second front in the Government's statistical war with Labour over tax policy by claiming at the weekend that higher taxes would cost the typical family only £5.75 a week, and not the £12.52 calculated by his own Treasury officials.

But the Chancellor's attempt to sabotage Labour's tax offensive planned for next week, when most of his new taxes start to be levied, backfired almost immediately when he was forced to admit on television that his figures were virtually meaningless.

It turned out that the "impact" of £5.75 per household Mr Clarke quoted in his speech to the Conservative conference in Plymouth was based on an average which included non-working households who paid no income tax. Mr Clarke was repeatedly pressed on BBC's *On The Record* to explain the difference between his figures and the Treasury's.

Mr Clarke did not deny the Treasury's calculation that a typical worker on average earnings of £19,450 with a spouse and two children at home would pay an extra £12.52 in taxes — as well as a further £2.50 in mortgage tax relief. But he added that the exact effects of his tax policies would "vary enormously", depending on how much people smoked and drank, what kind of cars they ran and whether they had a mortgage or not. It was therefore appropriate to quote an average for all households, including those which paid no taxes.

Political sources confirmed, however, that Conservative Central Office had chosen the average for all households, including non-taxpayers, because this was the only category that would generate a tax figure much lower than the £10-£12 used by Labour.

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Divorce plan defended

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Lord Chancellor intends to press ahead with his controversial proposals to reform the divorce laws and bring in "no fault" divorce with a central role for mediators, who would seek to settle disputes, rather than lawyers.

In an interview with *The Times*, Lord Mackay of Clashfern dismissed reported splits in the Cabinet over his proposals, outlined last autumn in a consultation paper. He said it had been "put out by me on behalf of the Government as a whole and with full authority from the Government to do so." He rejected criticisms from the Law Society, the Legal Aid Board and the Solicitors' Family Law Association, which are concerned that the proposals may force some people into using mediation as a substitute for legal advice. The Law Society and each group "that has a particular interest will be serving its own interest", he said. Scrutiny of the Law Society's comments might lead people to conclude "that they were at least as concerned for themselves as for their clients."

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Author casts doubt on Sarajevo's 'Anne Frank'



Zlata: attacked over book's inconsistencies

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

ZLATA Filipovic, the girl whose recently published diary chronicles life in the besieged Bosnian capital, has become the centre of a controversy in the United States over her credentials as the so-called "Anne Frank of Sarajevo".

Zlata's Diary: A Child's Life in Sarajevo has become an instant bestseller in the United States and has been top of *The Sunday Times* bestsellers' list in Britain since it was published here four weeks ago.

But Miss Filipovic, 13, and her parents have come under attack for alleged inconsistencies between the book published by Viking Penguin and the original version distributed by the UN Children's Fund. The row coincides with Miss Filipovic's recent five-city book tour of the United States during which she shied away from comparisons with Anne Frank, the Jewish girl who survived part of the Second World War in hiding in Amsterdam. Writing in the *New Republic* magazine, David Rieff, an author, claims that "material included in the Viking Penguin edition is simply absent, both from the first English translation and from Zlata's handwritten original".

"Again and again, Zlata's references to various political events are nowhere to be found in the original edition of her diaries," he writes. "Anne Frank's father was pilloried for having suppressed some sexual and family references in his daughter's diaries. With Zlata, the problem is that so much has been added." Mr Rieff also questions Miss Filipovic's decision to invoke Anne Frank in an early diary entry in which she decides to give her journal a name — "Mimmy" — in the same way that Frank called her diary "Kitty".

"What ... was Zlata doing on March 30, 1992, before the siege of Sarajevo started, let alone before it became clear that it would go on for at least 22 months, comparing herself to Anne Frank?" he asks.

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Heseltine fuels row over the pace of Post Office sell-off

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

A FIERCE Cabinet battle has erupted over proposals by Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, to include a bill selling off the Post Office in the next legislative programme.

Mr Heseltine is being backed by Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and right-wing ministers in his attempt to overcome the opposition of a heavyweight cabinet grouping, including the business managers and Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, who are urging caution.

John Major, the Prime Minister, faced with a deep split inside the Cabinet's legislation committee, has asked for fresh work from the trade department on plans that have been under review for more than 20 months. But an announcement is expected soon on an issue that is seen increasingly as a litmus test of the Government's radical credentials.

Mr Heseltine delighted his supporters on the Tory right by effectively taking his case into the open at the weekend. In a speech to the Conservative Central Council, in Plymouth, Mr Heseltine put himself forward as the advocate of change and the opponent consolidation. Ministers speculated yesterday that Mr Heseltine's sights could only have been trained on colleagues such as Sir Norman Fowler, the party chairman, Lord Wakeham, the Lords leader, Mr Hurd and Tony Newton, the Commons leader, who are anxious to avoid a Commons confrontation with Tory backbenchers over selling off the Post Office.

According to backers of the idea, however, only a handful of Tory MPs is ideologically opposed to privatisation. But with the Government's majority so slim, they could pose a serious threat. Even when Baroness Thatcher was Prime Minister, with parliamentary majorities of more than 100, she balked at selling off the Post Office.

Under the plans expected to emerge from the Trade Department, the Royal Mail would be offered for sale to the public and its workforce, leaving Post Office Counters in the public sector to provide assurances on the future of 20,000 rural post offices.

Some ministers, including Mr Major, are understood to have queried the logic of disposing of the successful Royal Mail and leaving the less efficient counters business in the public sector.

Mr Heseltine took the argument head-on at Plymouth. He told the meeting: "We know the arguments against change: if it ain't broke, don't fix it. The need to consolidate is a familiar cry. It speaks of comfort, of balmy days, of punts drifting in the late summer along the backwaters of university cities.

"All of us respond to those feelings. But it will not do. Change is gathering pace, not slowing down."

Senior ministers say that the privatisation will impose an obligation on operators of the Post Office business to have a uniform national tariff and a duty to deliver to everyone. "That will be non-negotiable," one said yesterday.

Last week, the Commons trade and industry committee called for a speedy decision on the Post Office's future, warning that delay created danger of losing both "old custom and new opportunities".

Parties condemn Adams's legal aid

BY NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

CONSERVATIVES and Unionists yesterday condemned a decision to grant legal aid to Gerry Adams, who is fighting a government exclusion order banning him from entering mainland Britain.

The Sinn Fein president, who is officially unemployed and lives off income support, will seek leave in the High Court next month to bring judicial review proceedings over the exclusion order. The Legal Aid Board accepted Mr Adams's application because he has no assets and he last earned a regular wage as a barman in Belfast in the 1970s.

However, David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist MP for Upper Bann, claimed that Mr Adams had access to Sinn Fein finances. "It is ridiculous to say that this man has no resources when everyone knows he is the head of a multi-million-pound business."

Tony Benn, the Labour MP for Chesterfield, whose invitation to Mr Adams to speak at Westminster last October led to the ban, supported the Legal Aid Board's decision. "We know from the Matrix Churchill trial that action taken by the Government in the guise of legality is a fraud."

The Government imposed the exclusion on Mr Adams last October because of his alleged involvement in the "commission, preparation or instigation" of terrorism. He was first banned from entering Britain in 1982 under the Prevention of Terorism Act. This was lifted when Mr Adams was elected MP for West Belfast in 1983. He lost his seat in 1992.

☐ Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, claimed yesterday that the success of the Downing Street Declaration had isolated the IRA to the point where continued violence would meet "less and less toleration" within the Nationalist community.

Speaking on the BBC's *On The Record* programme, Sir Patrick fiercely rejected the view that the Dublin government would be prepared to talk to Sinn Fein on the basis of a temporary ceasefire.

ROSS PARRY



Christine Admason is the first foreign candidate in a British Euro-election

Yorkshire Tories pick French Euro candidate

BY ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

YORKSHIRE Tories have chosen a Frenchwoman to fight their European parliamentary seat.

Christine Adamson, 43, becomes the first foreign candidate in a British Euro-election. The mother of six beat three male contenders shortlisted for Yorkshire South West.

Mrs Adamson said yesterday: "I am extremely thrilled. It is exciting that a party which is split over Europe can select a French candidate. It shows people in Yorkshire are more broadminded than some of their colleagues."

A management headhunter in Leeds, Mrs Adamson grew up in Paris and her parents and six brothers live there. She was educated at the Sorbonne before meeting her husband, Stewart, a Yorkshireman, while working in Switzerland. They moved to England when she was 21 and to North Yorkshire nine years ago.

She is unperturbed to be standing in a constituency better known for its bitters, vets and cricket than for any love of Strasbourg. "I feel British as well as French, although I am still a French citizen, and I have a deep knowledge of local issues," she said. Mrs Adamson must overturn the 65,901 majority of the Labour MEP, Tom Megahy. Her career in politics began when she joined the local branch of the Conservatives and she says that she models herself on Baroness Thatcher.

Her constituency of 550,000 stretches from Wakefield to Colne Valley and Pontefract. "I am attracting a lot of attention, being French, but it is a double-edged sword. What I can tell voters is that I know the enemy from within, so I know the best way to negotiate and how to say *non*." She has reassured her local party that she is not a federalist.

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Eurofighter finally takes to the skies

The troubled Eurofighter 2000 combat aircraft had its maiden flight yesterday. The plane, expected to form the backbone of the RAF's future capability, successfully completed airborne system and handling checks in a 40-minute flight at Manching in Germany.

Eurofighter is being developed by a consortium comprising British Aerospace Defence, Alenia in Italy, CASA in Spain and Dasa in Germany. The inaugural flight comes two years later than expected after a succession of technical and political problems. John Weston, chairman and managing director of BAe Defence, said: "This successful first flight is excellent news for the company and for the UK and European aerospace industries. Eurofighter 2000 is in better shape than any other development programme at the equivalent stage of its life-cycle."

Child asleep for ten days

A boy who has been asleep for ten days may not regain consciousness for several weeks, doctors said. Mathew Harrison, who is three tomorrow, is thought to be suffering from viral encephalitis, a rare inflammation of the brain. His parents have moved from their home in Heptonstall, West Yorkshire, to be at his bedside at Leeds Infirmary.

Boy held after car chase

A 14-year-old boy was last night under police guard after a stolen car was chased through Newcastle upon Tyne. He was arrested with a 13-year-old. The older boy, who had been due to appear at North Shields Youth Court, North Tyneside, on an assault charge, last week escaped from a children's home. He had earlier admitted four burglaries.

MoD faces abortion suit

A former Army nurse has claimed the Army put pressure on her to have an abortion if she wanted to continue her service career. Michelle Wright, of Leeds, is to sue the Ministry of Defence for assault and battery. The case could lead to a series of claims from servicewomen who had abortions to save their careers, tonight's *World in Action* on ITV says.

Plane crashes in sea

Two men swam ashore after their light aircraft crash-landed in the sea near Bognor Regis, West Sussex, yesterday. The plane came down 25 metres offshore, close to some rock island breakwaters. The men were taken to Worthing Hospital in West Sussex, suffering from the effects of hypothermia from their time in the water.

Briton shot in New York

Peter Cooper, 46, of Bournemouth, was stable in hospital yesterday after being shot in the shoulder when he walked in on a burglar going through his possessions in his New York hotel room on Saturday. The gunman escaped with Mrs Cooper's wallet, camera, Rolex watch and £250 in cash. Police said such attacks on tourists in Manhattan were rare.

Yachtsman clears Cape

Mike Golding, the solo yachtsman attempting to break Chay Blyth's 292-day record for a non-stop east-west circumnavigation, rounded the Cape of Good Hope late on Friday, 125 days ahead of Blyth's schedule. Golding, 33, now heading up the Atlantic, hopes to reach Southampton by the end of May in his 67ft yacht *Group 4 Securitas*.

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Mackay says mediators may salvage marriages

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trained mediators — would never be compulsory, Lord Mackay went on. But, he added, "there is a lot of support for the view that mediation has a great part to play in this area, and that mediation can do a great deal to help people solve their own problems, and in particular, reduce the trauma and damage for themselves and for their children."

There would still be a role for lawyers, but they were not needed in every case, he said. Many people, with a little professsional help, would find it possible to sort out their own problems. "I am in favour of giving the person the sort of service that will best be suited to the couple's needs. But it may be the couple are so badly broken up that they can't function as a unit, and all will depend on that. There's no point in inviting people to mediate if they can't agree. If they're shouting at one another all the time — then some other method is required."

But the need for a lawyer was not automatic. "The Law Society appears to assume that, if all else fails, the great thing that's good for you is to get a lawyer at other people's expense. I don't think that's a self-evident proposition."

The green paper on divorce proposes scrapping the system of fault-based divorce. Instead, there would be a 12-month "divorce over time", during which couples would be urged to try to sort out arrangements for children and money before the decree was granted. Couples would attend an advisory interview, to be given information on the range of services available: mediation, legal services, marriage guidance and whether they would qualify for legal aid.



Lord Mackay: proposals aim to save marriages

Lord Mackay made clear that some of the controversial aspects — such as whether couples who qualify for legal aid would first have to go through mediation — were still undecided. "I don't think that that necessarily is so. It depends on the circumstances. That's one of the things that has to worked out in some detail."

There were not yet firm views on how the person giving the first diagnostic interview would advise the couple whether they qualified for legal aid. The proposals were for consultation, and Lord Mackay said he was open to suggestions on how ideas could be put into practice to ensure people obtained the service best suited to their needs. However the "main thrust" had "a lot of support."

"It is not easy, nobody could suggest that, because one of the difficulties at the present moment is that people can persist in litigation very unreasonably to the damage of their children and indeed, in many cases, to the detriment of their own financial position."

On the timetable for implementation, Lord Mackay did not commit himself to the next parliamentary session. It was a "possibility" but there was a lot of competition for legislative slots. "I would like to make as rapid progress as the difficulty of the subject matters allows. But it is not easy."

He added: "Personally I would not wish to go ahead unless the proposals were reasonably supported and unless satisfactory solutions can be found to problems that might be raised."

His aim, he added, was "to have a divorce law which really meets the needs of the people who find that their marriage has run into trouble by trying to resolve the problems so that they stay married. And if that's not possible, that they resolve their problems and particularly those for their children with the minimum of acrimony."

Police may display side-arms

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Police Federation, representing junior ranks, has argued for the change and feels that the minimum 20 years which home secretaries have pledged to keep police murderers in prison, is not enough.

As well as changing the rules on carrying guns the number of armed response patrols will be more than doubled. Talks are also being held to reduce the level of authorisation for weapons to be used so that officers can act more quickly.

Within the police there has been debate over the wisdom of keeping the guns hidden because they can be difficult to reach in emergencies. The armed response crews have also found themselves turning up at emergency calls which have also been answered by armed officers from the Diplomatic Patrol Group, who wear their guns under tunics.

Previous commissioners ruled that firearms should not be displayed because they cause public concern. When the Yard began operating roadblocks in central London two years ago to thwart the IRA, Sir Peter Imbert, then commissioner, ordered the guns kept out of sight. Now the guns are on display.

Changes in the number of armed response units, known as "Trojans", are already under way. The number available each day will rise from five to ten cars. Introduced in 1992 the cars deal with 10,000 calls a year but have opened fire only on a handful of occasions.

MPs want local change

A LARGE majority of MPs from all parties want to abolish the shires and replace them with all-purpose councils, according to a poll of 100 Members of Parliament.

The survey by Access Opinions for the Association of District Authorities, which is in favour of unitary authorities, found three-quarters of Conservative and two-thirds of Labour MPs in favour of scrapping the two-tier local government system.

The findings suggest the Government, which is keen to redraw the local government map, faces little danger from a threatened revolt among Tory MPs in the shires.

Access Opinions found that support for change was stronger among MPs representing marginal constituencies than it was among those with healthy majorities.

This is borne out by the fact that Conservatives with safe seats in the shires are among the most vociferous opponents of the plans.



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'Master of Lovat' title and 160,000 acres bequeathed as clan mourns second sudden bereavement



IAN JOLLY

Simon Fraser senior shortly before he died during a drag hunt at the weekend

Harrow pupil inherits Scottish family seat after hunting death

BY ALAN HAMILTON

A HARROW schoolboy has become heir to one of Scotland's largest sporting estates after the second death within a month at the head of the Clan Fraser.

The title Master of Lovat passes to Simon Fraser after his father, also Simon, collapsed and died of a heart attack on Saturday while riding in a drag hunt near Beaufort Castle, the family seat at Beauly, Highland. Seventeen-year-old Simon was at home for the Easter holiday but did not witness his father's collapse.

Four days earlier Mr Fraser, 54, the eldest son of Lord Lovat, had attended the funeral of his youngest brother Andrew, 41, who was gored to death by a buffalo on a hunting trip near Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania.

With the Lovat title comes 160,000 Highland acres stretching from the Beauly Firth to the west coast. Friends of the family said yesterday that although the terms of Mr Fraser's will had not been made public, it was expected that he had left the estate to his eldest son, to be held by trustees until the new laird is 21.

Such a crushing personal loss has raised fears for the health of the family patriarch Lord Lovat, 83, who is confined by infirmity to his home, Balblair House, across the Beauly river from Beaufort Castle. Because of a history of early deaths in the family, and to avoid inheritance tax, he some years ago made over the entire estate to his eldest son.

Lord Lovat was said to be devastated at the loss of his youngest son but too frail to attend his funeral at St Mary's Roman Catholic church at Eskadale, Beauly. He is also unlikely to attend the funeral of his eldest son at the same church this week.

A much-decorated war hero, Lord Lovat earned his place in history — and portrayal by Peter Lawford in the film *The Longest Day* — by leading one of the first commando units ashore on the Normandy beaches into the teeth of enemy fire. He wore his kilt and was accompanied by his personal piper. Lord Lovat's brother-in-law is that other colourful soldier and devotee of the kilt, Sir Fitzroy Maclean.

The Lovat lands, parts of which have been in the family for 700 years, constitute one of the half-dozen largest private estates in Scotland. Much of it is barren mountain and moor but it includes Glen Strathfarrar, the longest glen in Scotland. Four years ago Mr Fraser sold 30,000 acres for an estimated £15 million, a decision that is said to have displeased Lord Lovat. Mr Fraser argued that the estate required investment and development.



Beaufort Castle, the Highland home that passes to 17-year-old Simon Fraser

Since the sale he had set up a commercial salmon fishery and a £3 million plant bottling Lovat spring water. The two enterprises employ over 40 local people, a significant number in the northern Highlands. The fate of a planned golf course and heritage centre at Beauly is now uncertain.

Lord Lovat has two surviving sons and two daughters, one of whom, Tessa Keswick, is a special adviser to Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Mr Fraser is survived by his wife Virginia, and, besides Simon, his son Jack, 9, and daughters Violet, 22, a student in the United States, and Honor, 21, a fashion model.

The present generation of Lovats are heirs to roistering and bloody tradition closely woven into Scotland's violent history. In 1544 the Frasers fought the Macdonalds at the Battle of the Shirts, when the combatants stripped to the waist and attacked each other with such vehemence on the shores of Loch Lochy that only five Frasers and eight Macdonalds remained alive.

The clan was on the side of the Government during the 1715 rising but within 30 years had changed sides to Bonnie Prince Charlie at Culloden.

Man who raped baby daughter found dead

BY JENNY KNIGHT

A MAN jailed for life for raping his baby daughter has been found hanged in his prison cell. Attempts by staff to revive him failed.

Staff at Exeter Prison found the man, 31, on Saturday afternoon, hanging from bars in his single cell within the segregated section where sex offenders are held for their own safety. It was the fifth death at the prison within ten months.

The man, who cannot be named because it would identify his raped daughter, had been jailed for life by Exeter Crown Court after being convicted in January of causing grievous bodily harm, rape and another serious sexual offence. He caused dreadful injuries in a three-hour assault on the 13-month-old baby after barricading himself into the family flat after a row with his wife.

An internal enquiry has been launched at the prison, and police are also investigating the matter. The man had asked to go into solitary confinement after suffering verbal abuse from other inmates.

John Seaborne, an assistant governor, said: "He was totally isolated. We have no evidence of physical abuse. There is no chance of anybody else getting to him."

Gatwick acts on runway mix-ups

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

NEW lights are to be installed at Gatwick airport to prevent pilots from landing on the wrong runway.

Safety officials have been horrified by two separate incidents in which holiday jets landed on a taxiway having mistaken it for the runway, despite the presence of internationally recognised light markings.

It has taken the airport authorities almost six years to agree to change the taxiway lights so that they can be seen only by aircraft on the ground and not by pilots on landing approaches.

Although both incidents were caused largely by pilots becoming inexplicably confused as they approached the airport, investigators also criticised BAA, formerly the British Airports Authority, and the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) for not making changes earlier — and even forcing amendments to international air safety regulations specifically to exempt Gatwick.

The authorities in turn said that the technology necessary to make the taxiway lights shine in one direction only was not available until now.

In the first incident, in 1988, a British Island Airways BAC 1-11 came within 100 yards of a taxiing Boeing 737 when it landed on an emergency taxiway. Gatwick's single runway had been closed for repairs and aircraft were landing instead on a parallel taxiway. Although the lights of a "live" runway are completely different from a taxiway the pilots, both very experienced, still landed on the wrong strip.

Last October, an Air Malta Boeing 737 made the same mistake, confusing taxiway lights for runway lights when the main runway was closed.

Air accident investigators issued an interim report recommending changes to the lighting system, which appeared to have been turned down by the CAA and BAA. Now they have agreed privately to act, work is likely to start during the summer.

International regulations governing runway lights already lay down clear guidelines on what should be seen by pilots as they approach an airport.

The full report on the Air Malta incident by the Department of Transport's Air Accident Investigation Branch is not likely to be published for several months. CAA and BAA officials have already learned that it is likely to be critical of their refusal to act after the first incident.

"We need to await the report on the latest incident before we decide what to do in detail, but we will ensure that the lights are invisible to pilots on approach," said a spokesman for Gatwick.

Search is on for bowlers in a class of their own



The need for new talent to raise the torch of aggression once held by Larwood and Trueman has never been greater, writes ***Simon Wilde***

ENGLAND'S cricketers may have had a better time than usual in Trinidad, during the Third Test to date, but the familiar clamour about what is wrong with the English game continues to grow. Now comes news of an initiative that could finally find England some top-class fast bowlers to match the skill and speed of Ambrose, Walsh and company.

Over six weeks this summer budding English speed merchants will be invited to join a series of fast-bowling master-classes across the country. The greatest fast bowlers of the past 30 years from West Indies, Australia and England have been signed up to share their experience.

The need for such an intensive search for talent has never been greater. The saddest thing about England's performance in the Caribbean is that nobody can claim there is anyone left at home who could do better.

You have to be a veteran of this Government's first recession to recall seeing an English quickie bowling his side to victory with all the fire and brimstone of his breed. When Bob Willis took eight wickets for 43 runs at Headingley in July 1981 to carry England to victory over Australia he seemed only to be picking up the torch of aggression once brandished by Larwood, Voce, Trueman, Tyson, Statham and Snow.

There are those who lay the blame at too much cricket played in the English season. Others blame the prominence of one-day cricket — a basically defensive game.

Yet Ian Pont, who is organising this summer's fast-bowling master-classes around England involving the likes of Dennis Lillee, Sir Garfield Sobers, and John Snow, says the problem is simply that aspiring fast bowlers are badly handled. "Often the first thing a young English fast bowler is told by his coach is, 'Slow down, son, bowl line and length'. It is possible to coach talent out of people."

Pont also believes that England's performances lack passion. "There is no guts. As soon as Ambrose takes his sweater off he's got three wickets." Do our young bowlers go to sleep, as Tyson used to, with fists clenched and praying, 'Please God, let me do well at cricket. Let me play for England'? One doubts it.

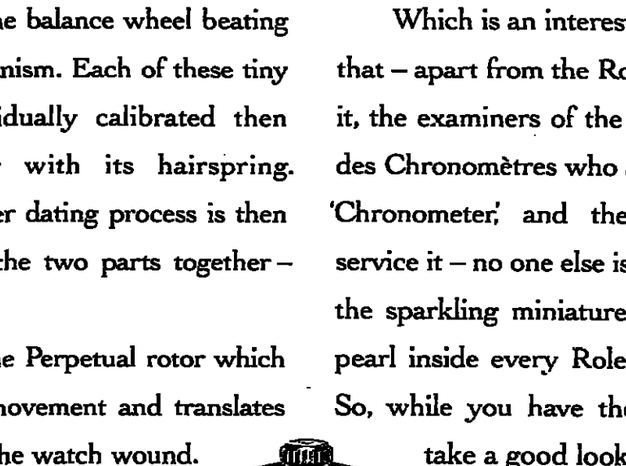
They used to say that to find a fast bowler England had only to whistle down the nearest pitshaft. It certainly led to a rich seam. Larwood, Voce, Trueman and Tyson were all from the Nottinghamshire and Yorkshire mining communities. Perhaps, after all, it is Mrs Thatcher's fault.

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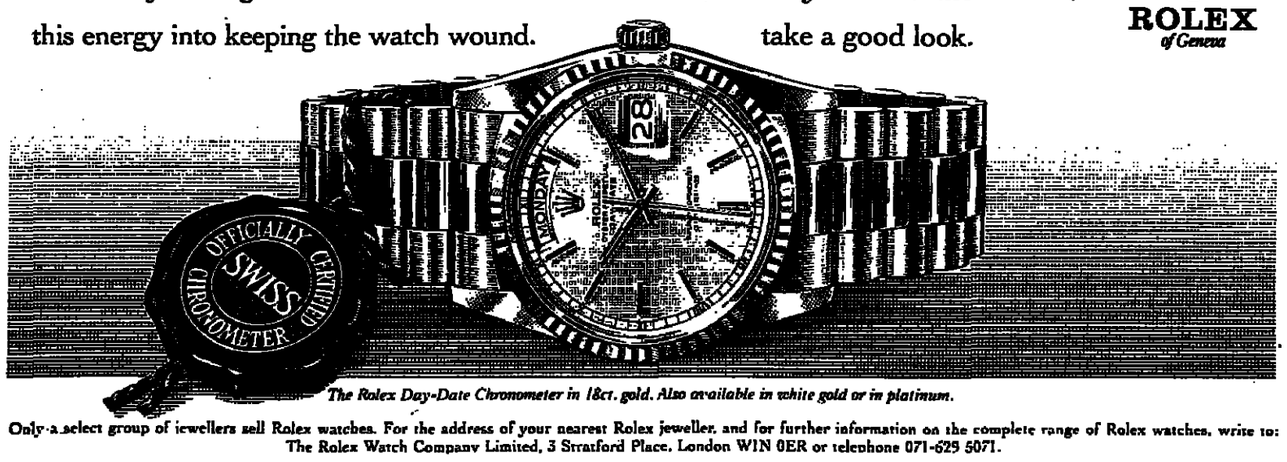
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Rescued expedition leader still hopes to conquer Kinabalu

FROM CHRIS THOMAS IN KOTA KINABALU AND JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

THE leader of the ill-fated British Army expedition to Mt Kinabalu in northern Borneo said yesterday that the mountain remained a challenge which he was prepared to tackle again.

Lt Col Robert Neill: "I would still dearly like to bring the lads back another day and conquer it. The expedition presented a justifiable challenge and met all the criteria of army adventurous training."

Tears and hugs marked the return of the five soldiers to Hong Kong as they were reunited with their families at the British Military Hospital. Lt Col Neill, 46, Maj Ronald Foster, 54, and three non-commissioned officers in Hong Kong's Royal Logistic Corps, Chen Wai-keung, 24, Lam Wai-ki, 27, and Cheung Yiu-keung, 32, were undergoing further observation after spending two days at the Sabah Medical Centre.

Lt Col Neill greeted his wife Fiona, saying: "Hi, honey. It's marvellous to be alive."

Fiona Neill and her sons Alex and James travelled from Yedingham, North Yorkshire, and Jeannette Foster came from Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, to welcome their husbands back from their four-week ordeal in Low's Gully.

Lt Col Neill, asked what had kept him going, said: "Knowledge that our families were there and that we had every chance of escape because we never gave up and never stopped trying to get out."

He described himself as a "humble man" after the massive operation to find and rescue the team. Britain expects to receive a huge bill from the Malaysian government for use of helicopters, personnel and military facilities.

"Are we going away chastened by our experience? Would we, given the chance, do it the same way again?" Lt Col Neill asked.

"It was a serious and arduous undertaking. Apart from active service, adventurous training provides one of the few opportunities the Army has to see how young soldiers, in particular, react under pressure, whether physical or mental.

"What I didn't know, of course, was whether we, with our equipment — and I have to say our relative inexperience — would be able to cope. What we have learnt from this experience will provide others with the information which will enable them to do what my team was unable to do," he said.

Two of the men were rescued by helicopter on Friday and three on Saturday in an operation fraught with danger. A single gust of wind could have pushed the aircraft against the walls of a narrow gully where the soldiers were trapped. The Royal Malaysian Air Force helicopter initially tried backing into the gully to take advantage of the wind direction. That proved too dangerous and the aircraft turned around and hovered precariously while the survivors were winched aboard.

All five staggered or were half-carried into hospital, having eaten virtually nothing since March 5, when their rations ran out, save for a few biscuits. Each had lost up to 28lb in weight. They left hospital yesterday in the east Malaysian state of Sabah unassisted and seemed in high spirits before their flight to Hong Kong.

Maj Foster, 54, grey-bearded and gaunt, walked shakily into hospital on Saturday morning after being winched out of the gully. He said the time had been passed by playing chess "and talking about house extensions back home". The two Hong Kong soldiers rescued with him were supported on either side by paramedics to stop them falling. They seemed half-conscious. Lt Col Neill said it was great to be alive. "Not that we had any doubts that we would be rescued from our predicament in that most unforgiving gully."

On arrival in Hong Kong, Lt Col Neill said: "We will not be the same people ever again."

His expedition will be investigated by an enquiry. According to Maj Gen John Foley, Commander British Forces Hong Kong, its findings may never be made public.

Five fitter men from the original ten-man team had pressed ahead, emerging from the jungle on March 11 and 12. Lt Col Neill paid tribute to one of them, Cpl Hugh Brittan, "for breaking out of the jungle and saving our lives". He paid similar tribute to "my three friends", the Hong Kong soldiers, for their "magnificent" teamwork, self-denial, self-discipline and courage. If he had had £1 million and a helicopter to take pictures in advance, Lt Col Neill said, he might have been better prepared. "But I knew what I was doing. I failed. I obviously came close to death. That is not acceptable."

He said that although the trip was perilous and he was somewhat inexperienced, such expeditions were necessary for soldiers. "If one just goes off and does things that are easy, there's no benefit."

Maj Foster said he had never given up hope of being rescued. Malaysian soldiers seemed surprised that a man of 54 should have been part of a team sent into such an inhospitable place as Low's Gully. "I will soon be 55," he said yesterday, "and it was my swansong."

Maj Paddy Hartigan, the Army spokesman in Hong Kong, expected the men would be back home for Easter.

JOHN LEICESTER



Lt Col Robert Neill is reunited in Hong Kong with his sons Alex, left, and James after the expedition, which he called "a justifiable challenge"

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School to go ahead with Borneo mountain climb

BY LIN JENKINS

A PARTY of British schoolchildren has vowed to continue with plans to climb Mount Kinabalu this summer, despite the dangers made graphic last week.

The four girls and 13 boys from Culford School, Suffolk, hope to scale the peak as part of a month-long expedition in Borneo. Staff at the 650-pupil independent school in Bury St Edmunds — which has the motto 'Quit you like men, be strong' — have reassured parents about the level of training the team has undertaken and the quality of the leadership.

Jeff Beatty, head of biology at Culford and the leader of the trip, will be joined by a former army captain provided by World Challenge Expeditions, an organisation that runs adventure courses around the world. He has experience of Borneo and the mountain.

"There is obviously apprehension among those going at the dangers, as there would be on any adventure holiday," said John Humphries, a house master. "But a lot of preparation has gone in to make it safe. Safety is paramount."

The pupils, aged 15 to 18, who are paying £2,000 each, have completed the Three Peaks walk, hiked on Thetford Chase, been camping and received special training on courses run by World Challenge. Much of the trip will be spent studying the rainforest and the way plants propagate. Trips to three Malaysian schools have also been arranged.

MARTIN BEDDALL



Culford pupils heading for Kinabalu in August have not been put off the trip

New-look Radio 5 on the air

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE BBC today launches Radio 5 Live, its 24-hour news and sports station.

The station, a high-risk project, represents an attempt by the BBC to counterbalance the middle-class bias of Radio 4 and to attract a young and less affluent audience outside London.

In line with the corporation's aim of creating a new generation of radio stars, Jane Garvey, a former presenter on BBC Radio Hereford, and the first voice on air this morning, will have the regular 5am-6am slot.

Radio 5 Live will also carry a few familiar voices, such as Peter Allen, a former ITN political correspondent, who will present the breakfast show opposite Radio 4's influential *Today* programme. Yesterday Allen said: "There will be far less politics than Radio 4 and we will treat news stories in a more light-hearted way. There will be a greater emphasis on regional stories."

BBC is breaking law, claims ITV

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE BBC is breaking European Union law and its own Royal Charter by using its licence fee income to help finance its commercial activities, according to a confidential report commissioned by ITV.

The document concludes that the European trading activities of BBC Enterprises, the corporation's commercial arm, are distorting international competition because they use state subsidies to compete in the open market.

The report, which was written by Professor Vincent Porter of the University of Westminster, will embarrass the BBC, which is significantly expanding its commercial activities in direct response to encouragement from Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade.

A senior ITV source said: "It is obvious that the BBC is breaking European law. We decided not to publish the report, however, because we thought that eventually they would be rumbled anyway."

The study focuses on the complex area of the secondary market in programmes. It alleges that the BBC is effectively channelling its licence fee revenue into BBC Enterprises through commercial subsidiaries such as UK Gold, the international subscription-only satellite channel, which is 20 per cent owned by the BBC. These ventures are exploiting secondary rights to shows which were originally financed — in part or in full — with licence fee money.

The report alleges that in 1992-93 the BBC's Home Services incurred a net loss of £2.6 million on their overseas activities, which were therefore effectively subsidised by the licence fee. It suggests the BBC's exploitation of its world-famous name may also be distorting competition.

The findings come at a critical moment. Within the next few weeks the Government is expected to publish a White Paper on the BBC's future beyond the expiry of its charter in 1996.

Robin Foster, the BBC's chief adviser on commercial policy, said that since the corporation sold programme rights to other broadcasters at market prices, it was not distorting competition. The BBC intends to publish new guidelines on fair trading within the next two weeks.



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Teenagers turn to friends and TV for sex education

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

YOUNG people are relying on friends, television and films for sex education and want their parents and teachers to provide more information, according to a survey published yesterday.

The study by Exeter University, based on 29,000 pupils aged 11 to 16, suggests that mutual embarrassment continues to stop families and schools from being as open about sex as young people want. Another survey, to be published tomorrow by a group of organisations including the Family Planning Association, will show that teenagers want sex education to be comprehensive and explicit.

The findings come amid heated debate over the future of sex education in the wake of arguments last week over a Yorkshire primary school where pupils discussed oral sex and the withdrawal of a graphic sex guide for teenagers by the Health Education Authority. Guidelines for schools to be published next month by John Patten, the Education Secretary, will emphasise the need for greater parental involvement in drawing up lessons, more emphasis on moral values and less on the mechanics of sex.

However, yesterday's survey shows that young people have to turn to their friends to find out about sex even though they would prefer parents and teachers to take the lead.

Asked which they thought should be their main source of information about sex, most pupils said their parents, with about a quarter preferring school. But when asked which was their primary source of knowledge, twice as many 16-year-old boys said friends (33.7 per cent) as said parents (15 per cent), with 16.9 per cent saying they learnt most from television or films.

The report, *Young People in 1993*, showed that smoking, drinking alcohol and drug-taking was widespread among teenagers. More than half of boys aged 15 and 16 had drunk beer or lager in the previous week — about four pints, on average. At least 12 per cent of boys aged 11 and 12 and 7 per cent of girls said they drank alcohol at home, usually without permission.

The survey found that by the age of 16 about 90 per cent of boys had had a steady girl friend, and girls a steady boy friend. Television was cited by 15- and 16-year-olds as the most useful source of facts about HIV and Aids. The report said it was a matter for concern, however, that one third of boys and one fifth of girls said they had never talked about the subject with their parents, teachers or doctor.

☐ A confidential health helpline for teenagers set up to fill the gaps in school provision has been bombarded with callers seeking advice about sex and relationships.

The success of the project in Reading has led Oxford Regional Health Authority to consider extending it to cover four counties. Although the service has been publicised in only three schools, more than 70 young people have spoken to counsellors in three nights.

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Capital's weekend warriors get down to some serious competition

JULIAN HERBERT



Territorial Army soldiers from the London area competing for the Courage Trophy, an annual test of military skill and fitness, in Pirbright, Surrey, yesterday. As well as the assault course, tasks included cross-country driving, first aid, night navigation, a problem-solving exercise and a five-mile march. The men's event was won by 131 Independent Commando Squadron of the Royal Engineers, the women's by 221 Field Ambulance

Star pupils could start university at school

BY OUR EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

PLANS to allow the brightest A-level pupils to begin studying for a fast-track degree while in the sixth form are being explored by a group of new universities and leading independent schools.

Under the scheme, the universities would "franchise out" the first year of a degree course to a school. Highly academic sixth-formers would study units of the university course alongside their A levels. Those who passed examinations set by the university would then be entitled to move straight to the second year of a degree course, graduating after two years, and gaining a post-graduate masters qualification after three.

The new system would appeal to independent schools seeking to stretch their most able pupils and answer complaints that the brightest students spend much of their first year at university repeating work. It would also offer considerable savings after the switch from student grants to loans, which has increased the cost of a conventional three-year degree course followed by fourth-year study needed for a masters.

The plans, which are expected to take at least two years to develop, have been discussed by the Headmasters' Conference and several new universities.

An official at the Committee of Vice Chancellors and Principals said plans for a fast-track degree would help the former polytechnics to improve their image with independent schools.

Children play truant to escape bullies

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

A FIFTH of secondary school pupils have taken sick leave to escape bullying, researchers said yesterday. Nearly half of secondary school children say they have experienced bullying.

A third say their learning, health or personal happiness has suffered, but a quarter appear to have shrugged off the experience. A study of 720 pupils in three Sheffield schools found that teasing, name-calling and other verbal bullying were the most upsetting.

The study adds weight to surveys published last year which showed that bullying was more widespread than had been thought. The Education Department is to issue guidelines for schools this summer on how to combat bullying.

Sonia Sharp, presenting the study to the annual meeting of the British Psychological Society in Brighton, said that parents and teachers who regarded bullying as part of growing up and as unpleasant but not harmful were wrong. "We need to break the taboos of silence which encourage it," she said.

Miss Sharp, educational psychologist at Barnsley local education authority, said that half the victims never told anyone. "If parents find out, they must let the school know so they can take action. Children must be encouraged to tell." Three quarters of bullying takes place in the playground where it is not witnessed.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE, CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Linares round-up

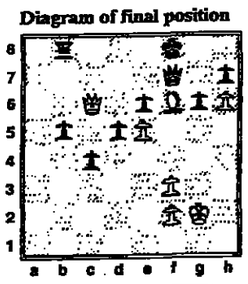
THE annual tournament at Linares in Spain is regarded as the Wimbledon of chess. This game, between Alexei Shirov — who scored the result of his life by tying for second with Kasparov behind only Karpov — and Judith Polgar completes our round-up of the most interesting games in the competition.

White: Judith Polgar
Black: Alexei Shirov
Linares, March 1994

Modern Defence

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8	gxf3	Qc7
9	h4	e6
10	h5	d5
11	Qd2	Nd7
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13	h6	Bf8
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19	a3	Nb6
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21	Be5	Nd6
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24	e5	axb4
25	axb4	Ra2
26	Qf4	Rd2
27	Bb1	Ne4
28	Kg2	Nab2
29	Qg4	Na3
30	Nf4	Nxb1
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34	Ra7	Rc4
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38	Bf6	Qc7
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40	Qg5	Ra4
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42	Rc6	Qa7
43	Bd8	f6
44	Bxf6	c4
45	Qg4	Qf7
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Task force to halt extinction roll-call

By Michael Hornsby
Countryside Correspondent

A TASK force is to be set up in the next few weeks to co-ordinate efforts to save Britain's most threatened plants and animals from extinction, the Department of the Environment has disclosed.

The "biodiversity action plan steering group", drawing on the expertise of official wildlife agencies and bodies such as the Natural History Museum and the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew, will next year publish long-term conservation plans for a critical list of species and habitats.

Dormice, pine martens, several kinds of cricket and spider, rare types of primrose and orchid and a handful of birds, bats, butterflies and snakes are among the animals to get priority treatment.

Rescue will come too late for some. Over the past 15 years alone nine plants and animals have disappeared from Britain.

Margaret Palmer, head of species conservation at the Joint Nature Conservation Committee, which advises the Government, said: "One species of dragonfly was not seen for more than ten years and then turned up again. It might have been missed or could have come back in from the Continent."

Each loss matters. Britain is home to only 1,400 of the world's 250,000 species of flowering plants, 210 of its 9,881 breeding birds, 48 of its 4,327 terrestrial mammals and 38 of its 8,500 freshwater fish.

The following extinctions are known or thought to have occurred since 1979:

Large blue butterfly (*Maculinea arion*): disappeared from the last known site in Devon in 1979. Scientists have re-established it at six sites using Swedish imports.

Viper's bugloss moth (*Hadena irregularis*): not seen since 1981. Until then a few colonies existed in Norfolk and Suffolk.

Ivell's sea anemone (*Edwardsia ivelli*): last specimen collected in December, 1983, from a lagoon in Sussex.

Stinking hawk's beard (*Crepis foetida*): coastal thistle of the dandelion family. Last seen at Dungeness in Kent around 1983. Attempts to restore plant in the wild using seeds stored at Kew.

Lagoon sandworm (*Armandia cirrhosa*): last seen in 1985 at a lagoon in Hampshire, which was then estimated to contain five million of the worms.

Meadow wood ant (*Formica pratensis*): rare since the mid-1970s. Not seen at last known site since 1988.

Red-backed shrike (*Lanius collurio*): last breeding pair seen in Thetford Forest, Norfolk, in 1991. Probably extinct.

Essex emerald moth (*Thetidia smaragdaria*): last sighted in 1991 on a saltmarsh in Kent. Presumed extinct.

Greater mouse-eared bat (*Myotis myotis*): not seen since 1991. If extinct, the first mammal to disappear from Britain since the wolf in the mid-18th century.

Among the most threatened animals and plants are the dormouse, pine marten, red squirrel, greater horseshoe bat, otter, the Scots primrose, the lady's slipper orchid and strapwort. Birds include bitterns, corncrakes, and stone curlews. Insects and reptiles include the field cricket, the wart-biter cricket, the fen raft spider, the marsh fritillary butterfly and the smooth snake.



The large blue butterfly disappeared in 1979, but imports have been introduced



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Changes at Broadmoor 'put staff in danger'

By Simon de Bruxelles

AT LEAST 16 members of staff at Broadmoor mental hospital have been assaulted by patients in the last month as the result of a more liberal regime, it was claimed yesterday.

The attacks led to the resignation last week of the psychiatrist responsible for the care of Peter Sutcliffe, the Yorkshire Ripper. Dr Dilys Jones was said to have told colleagues she could no longer support a policy which put nursing staff in constant danger of attack.

Other medical staff are also believed to be considering their positions, including Dr Harvey Gordon — consultant psychiatrist to Ronnie Kray — and Clive Meux, in charge of the adolescent wing.

The crisis developed following the introduction three months ago of a "seclusion" policy intended to abolish "primitive and punitive" treatment of aggressive patients. Such patients may be confined to a bare room but the door must not be shut. Two nurses must stand guard to keep the patient inside.

Attacks on staff while implementing the new policy have included a woman nurse kicked unconscious and a male nurse whose ear was torn off.

Frank Mone, of the Prison Officer's Association, said yesterday: "Management seems to forget that this hospital houses some of the most dangerous men and women in Britain."

Boy sues over cash to continue education

By A Staff Reporter

A BOY aged 14 is taking his aunt to court in a row over a £20,000 inheritance. Colin Tabram wants to use the money left to him by his grandmother to fund his private education.

He is claiming that his aunt, Pauline Bennett, and her daughter Alyson from Swansea, West Glamorgan, who are executors of the estate, are refusing to advance the money.

On Saturday, Colin, from Wylam, Northumberland, was forced to leave the £12,000-a-year Giggleswick public school in North Yorkshire after his widowed mother could not afford to continue paying the fees.

Now he is set to challenge the Bennetts in the High Court to get the money released. He believes they do not want him to have it until he is 18. Colin said: "It is weird taking action against your own family. I can't see why they wouldn't let me have the cash, but as the executors they are legally entitled to do so.

"I was heartbroken when I had to leave the school. It's been my life for four years and all I want to do is complete my time there. It was my dad's dying wish that I should go to the school. He wanted me to have the best start in life."

Colin, who plans to be a barrister, was left the money eight years ago by his parental grandmother, Frances Tabram. The Bennetts were not available for comment.

Museum recalls RAF's role over Normandy

By John Young

THE ROYAL Air Force museum in Hendon, north London, is staging a series of exhibitions over the coming months to mark the 50th anniversary of the D-Day landings and airborne forces' vital role in their success.

During the spring of 1944, Spitfires, Mustangs, Mosquitoes and Lightnings flew hundreds of sorties to photograph targets, taking in the Pas de Calais as well as Normandy to avoid betraying the planned invasion area. Fighter-bombers knocked out radar stations and gun batteries along the French and Belgian coasts, bridges, airfields, transport bases and railway lines.

For the invasion itself, aircraft were dispatched from more than 100 airfields across southern England to carpet-bomb beaches in advance of the landings. British and American air forces also carried tens of thousands of airborne troops to the battle zones. Without Allied air superiority, the invasion could not have succeeded.

The first exhibition, Skies over Normandy, which opened last Wednesday, consists of works by members of the Guild of Aviation Artists, including Keith Woodcocks' *Stirling*, John Bryce's *Spitfire Patrol over the Invasion Beaches* and Edmund Miller's *Attack on Colombelles*. All depict aircraft in the special D-day markings of black and white stripes around the wings and fuselage, and will be on display until July 31.

A photographic exhibition, *Into the Jet Age*, from tomorrow until September 18, will celebrate 50 years of jet aircraft in the RAF. Flying for Invasion and Wings Over Water, from May 18 to October 31, will cover the Allied air forces in the invasion and subsequent victory and the RAF's role in maritime operations.

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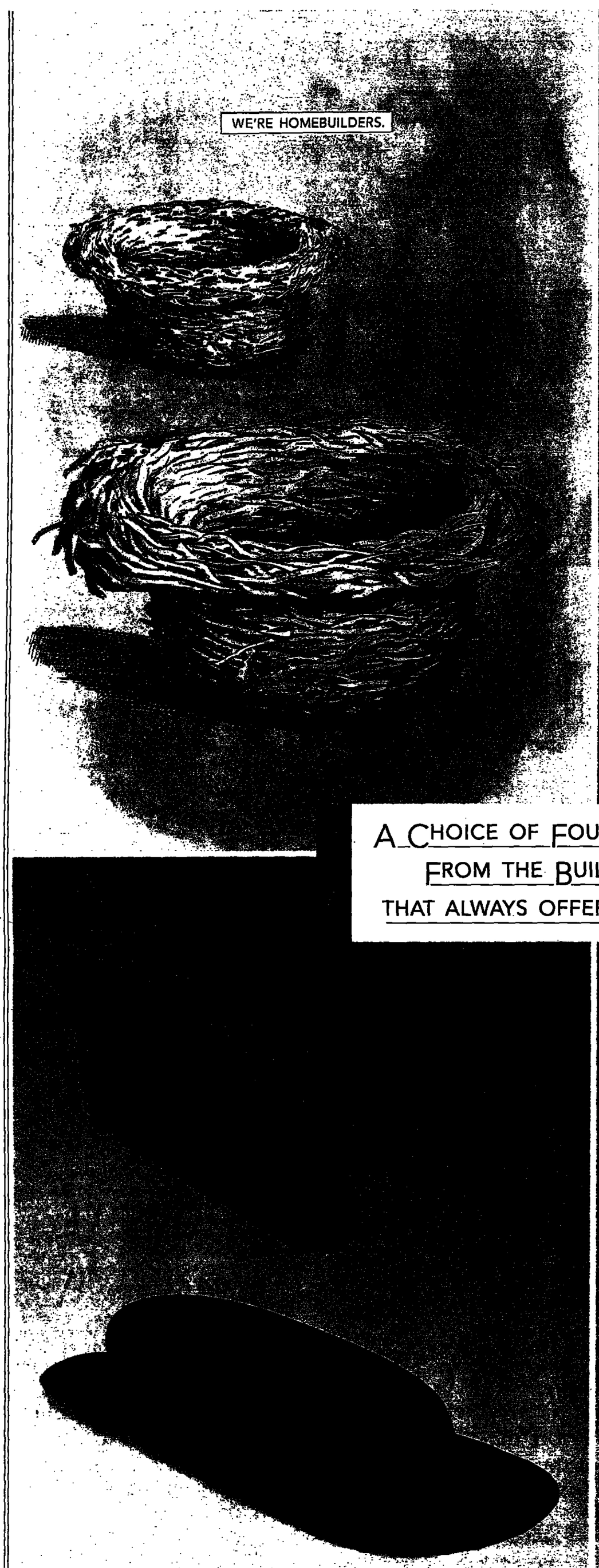
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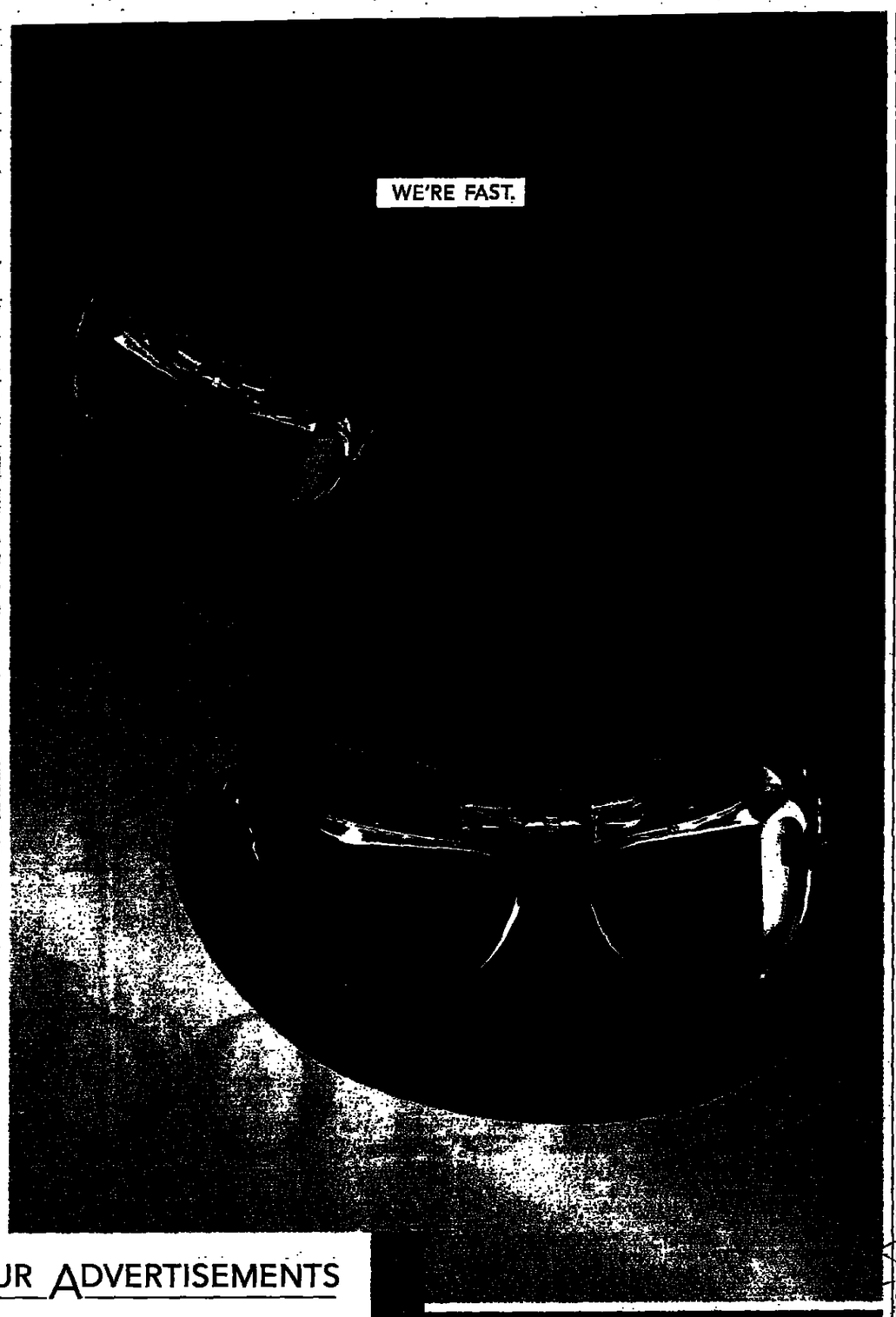
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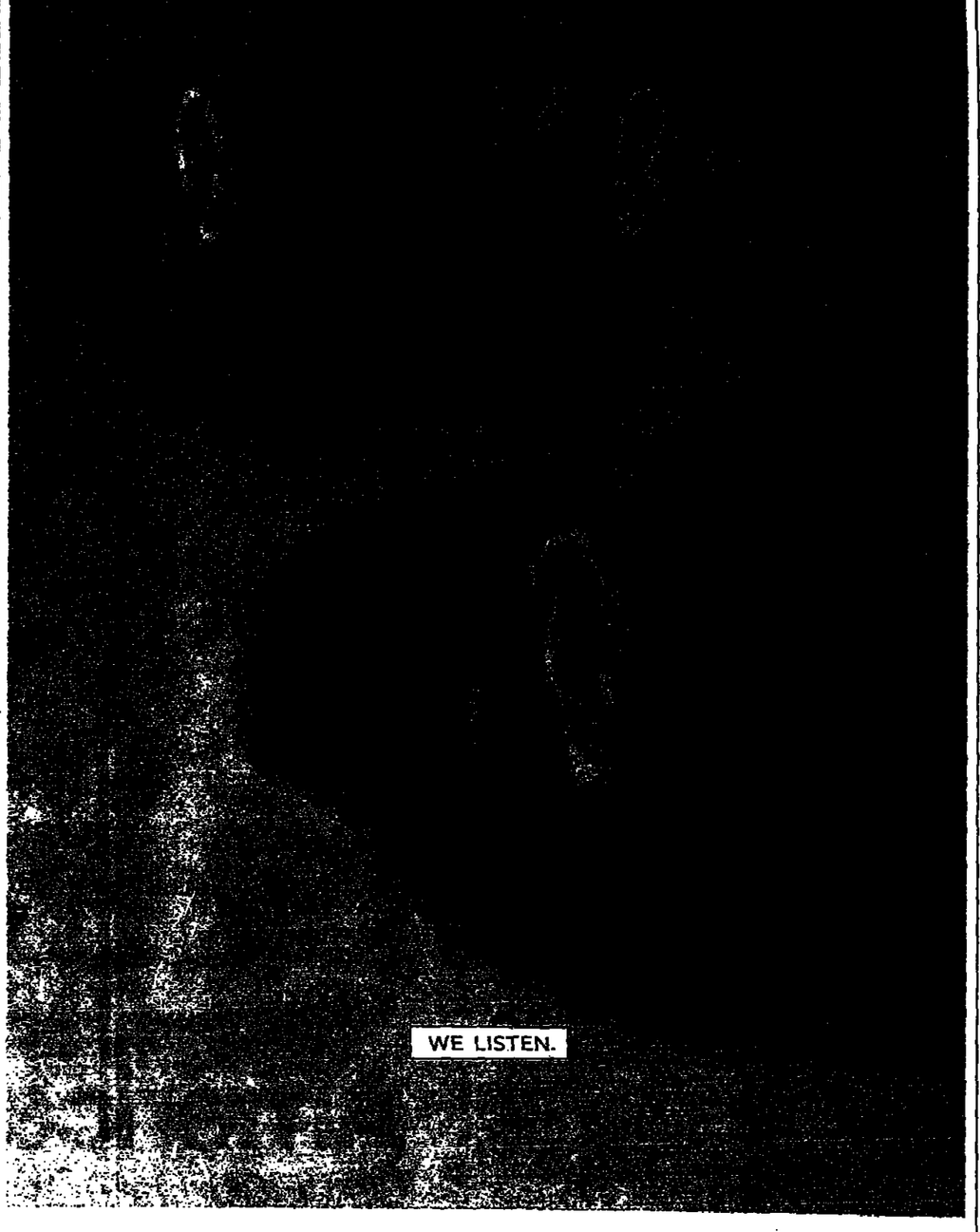
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Congregations sing praises of their new women priests

Joe Joseph finds pews filling as parishes discover the word of God sounds the same coming from a woman's mouth

THE FIRST 32 women ordained as priests at Bristol Cathedral seem to have found both God and their congregations on their side since they made history a fortnight ago.

"Wherever I go in the town now," says the Rev Sue Restall of St Mary's, Yate, "it takes me twice as long as it used to. I keep getting congratulated by people I've never seen in church, but who have seen me in the local papers or on TV. I've got a tremendous amount of support from the parish."

As she strolls about Yate, a town of 20,000, northeast of Bristol, she says, "people stop and ask whether they should call me Mother. I say: just stick to Sue."

To Brian Hughes, a service engineer who has prayed at St Mary's for 20 years, Mrs Restall, 48, is just called "wonderful, marvellous. She took the Communion service in her stride, with a very good turnout, over 300".

Margaret Cossins, a chiropodist from Yate, reckoned her new priest was a little nervous at her first Communion, "but she carried it off very well. We are all very proud of her."

The rare sour voice in the parish belongs to Bill Hargreaves, a town councillor, who can't be doing with the change. "It goes against my teachings since boyhood, and I'm 70 this year," he says. "As a deaconess, visiting people, Sue Restall did a good job. But I can't come to terms with the fact that they've ordained Sue, or any other woman. I won't accept Communion from any woman, even my niece, who's studying theology."

Tiny pockets of resistance have also swelled in the Georgian heart of Bristol, where the Rev Glenys Mills, 55, has started taking the Communion service at Christ's Church, Clifton. Ill feeling? "Maybe just a little, from a few people who say they can't take Communion from you because you're a woman. I say, fine, come along and participate as much as you can. You can't close the door to anyone."

Muriel Harrison, a geography teacher, was among those who filled the pews at the 8am Communion service Miss Mills took on the day after her ordination. "It was not a service I normally attend, but I turned up as a show of support and was glad to see such a large congregation."

At All Saints United Church, in the 20,000-strong parish of Longwell Green, the Rev Susan Shipp, 40 and a mother of two, says: "I've had some letters in the post since the ordination, saying not very pleasant things. But not from the parish. They've been completely supportive."

Ask George Shepherd, an irrepressibly chirpy insurance salesman, now retired, who thinks Mrs Shipp "quite wonderful. We've seen the congregation go up by 20 per cent. I dare say there were some that came to see her fall flat on her face, but she didn't do that. We need a good vicar and we've got one."

Sensing that people who never visited a church from one fête to the next are growing curious again becomes more remarkable when one learns that Mrs Shipp was appointed to All Saints only a month before her ordination.

Often, it is the priests who feel odd. "It seems very strange to hear the Eucharistic prayer coming from my lips," says the Rev Carol Edwards of St Christopher's, Brislington, another Bristol suburb. "Giving the formal blessing and absolution still feels strange, and probably will for some time. I'm sure some of my congregation still think it sounds strange.

"But the whole experience has been wonderful. Now it's happened, people have said, what was the fuss about?"

ADRIAN SHERRATT



The Rev Sue Restall talks to children at St Mary's, Yate. Strangers stop to offer congratulations for her ordination

Prisoners don't abuse home leave

BY STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

SOME 94 per cent of prisoners allowed out on home leave return without problems, according to Prison Service figures. Many of the other 6 per cent are merely late getting back to jail.

The figures are released today as a new report by reformers urges greater use of home leave and the provision of financial support for prisoners on leave. The report, by the Penal Reform Consortium, urges the Home Office to implement recommendations in the prison report by Lord Justice Woolf to make greater use of home leave.

The consortium, which includes 23 organisations involved in the penal system, believes prisoners should receive income support or increased prison wages to fund their visits.

Harry Fletcher, assistant general secretary of the National Association of Probation Officers, said home leave was crucial to integrating prisoners with their families but the Home Secretary appeared to be considering restricting it.

Derek Lewis, director-general of the prison service, said a working party was undertaking the first review of home leave for 30 years. He said that while home leave was important for prisoners the prison service also had to take account of public concern.

Solo rower plans to try again

BY ROBIN YOUNG

PETER Bird, the solo oarsman, will be reunited with his family in San Francisco today after ten months alone in a rowing boat in the Pacific Ocean.

He says he intends to use the reunion with his partner, Polly Wickham, and their two-year-old son Louis, to talk her into letting him try again.

Mr Bird, 47, from Fulham, southwest London, was picked up last week after 304 days in his 29ft boat, *Sector 2*. Having left Vladivostok, Russia, on May 12, and rowed almost twice as far as originally intended, he was still 2,000 miles short of his goal, the first lone row across the Pacific from Asia to America.

Resting in Japan yesterday after an ordeal which included being capsized 26 times, Mr Bird blamed freakish weather for his failure.

He has rowed the Atlantic and set a 294-day record for rowing across the Pacific from San Francisco to the Great Barrier Reef where his boat was wrecked and he had to swim for his life.

Mr Bird said: "The most terrifying experience was when *Sector 2* slipped down a monstrous-sized wave so fast that she half-buried herself in the water at the bottom and was standing perpendicular in the ocean." Mr Bird was finally rescued on the orders of the Hawaii coastguard.

Planned roads may be shelved for years

BY TIM JONES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

MORE than 100 planned road improvements and bypasses may be shelved until the next century under a major review of Britain's £23 billion road-building programme, to be announced this week.

Treasury constraints and concern among Tory MPs over the increasing unpopularity of road building have converged to the point where John MacGregor, the Transport Secretary, is expected to announce that some schemes will be delayed for years.

It is anticipated that his review is will resist plans for new roads or motorways that would encourage more cars to enter major towns and cities, while speeding up the time it takes to upgrade existing motorways, trunk roads and some bypasses.

The revised programme will also discourage any road schemes which would cut across green field sites where there is well organised opposition from local environmental groups. Following the review, which began last year, transport department planners were asked to divide 450 proposed schemes and divide into three categories: a ten-year programme of immediate priorities, longer-term commitments and schemes which could be dropped altogether.

The major scheme most likely to be dropped is the proposed M12, which was to have run from the M25 to Chelmsford, Essex, while another controversial scheme for a privately funded Birmingham western orbital road is also at risk.

However, other controversial schemes may actually be given priority status and speeded up. In spite of fierce opposition from Home Counties Tory MPs, Mr MacGregor appears determined to press ahead with the plan to widen parts of the M25 into an American-style 14-lane superhighway and to sanction the M4 extension on the Welsh side of the new Severn bridge through sites of special scientific interest.

Any cutbacks in the building programme will be resisted by the British Road Federation, which claims that nearly 5,500 miles of motorways, trunk roads and A roads are almost beyond repair.

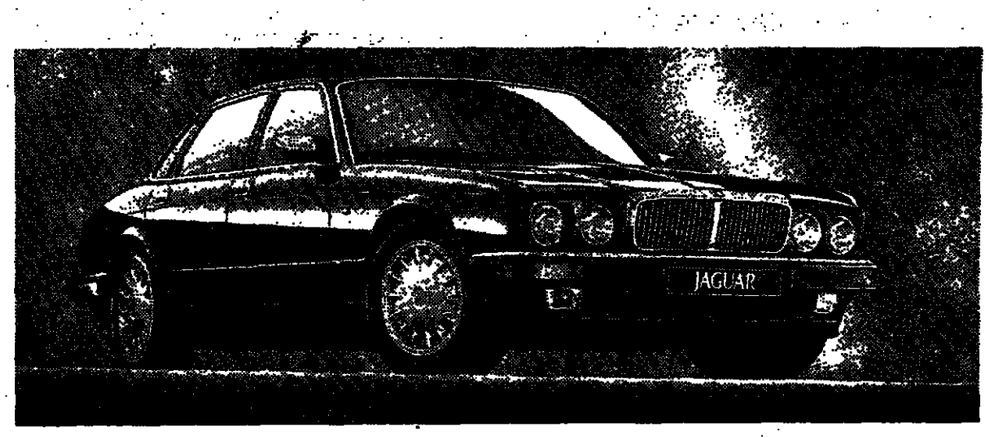
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***David Hunt**, the Employment Secretary, argues in a Conservative Political Centre pamphlet that the Tory party shares core beliefs with Christian Democracy*

Despite what opponents of the Conservative Party may claim, we have, like the Christian Democrats in Europe, decisively rejected *laissez-faire* capitalism. Forty years ago, in another Conservative Political Centre pamphlet, edited by Angus Maude and Enoch Powell, it was argued, rightly, that the "argument for co-ordination by competition is not an argument for a pure *laissez-faire* economy".

They might have added that *laissez-faire* all too often merely substitutes private monopolies for public ones. We always need more fair competition throughout economic and public life; and even in the economic sphere, that can require legislation and intervention.

When we say we believe in the "social market economy", that statement accommodates a range of views. Any market, after all, involves a commerce of goods and ideas, and is therefore "social". Equally, we all agree that only the market economy can provide the resources we need to fund our social programmes, however limited, or extensive, they may be.

But the prefix, for many of us, begs a deeper question: what sort of market economy do we want, and what role do we perceive for government in regulating it, deepening it and widening the opportunities which ordinary people enjoy to share in its full benefits?

A belief in the *laissez-faire* economy implies a belief in a government with a minimal role and little or no social vision. When we reject that, as I think we all have, and embrace the "social" market, the question always remains: how social and how much intervention?

The libertarian Conservative tradition emphasises the importance of the individual, and of non-interference in those decisions and activities of the individual which do not adversely or unfairly affect others. In his famous works on liberty, Sir Isaiah Berlin dubbed this "negative liberty".

The other main stream of historical Tory thinking, so-called paternalism, allows for certain infringements of "negative liberty" in the name of "positive liberty", or the realisation of some notion of social justice. Always, though, we remember Sir Samuel Brittan's insight that "to attempt to coerce someone into being a tool or instrument of another is a great evil".

Paternalism — "social and economic Toryism" — has historically been the mainstream of the party. That is not to say that we have sought to interfere gratuitously in the lives of individuals; rather that we have recognised the value of piecemeal, limited intervention by the Government in both the economic order and in the lives of individuals.

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Traditionally, though, paternalism lacked the meritocratic streak which today's Conservatism has assimilated. It was too much about guaranteeing a livelihood, and security, to people, but within the social order into which they had been born. People were not encouraged to get "ideas above their station" or become too ambitious.

Elsewhere in Europe, and particularly in Germany, there is a model which enshrines a rather more participatory form of free market economics — and one which emphasises the wider "social" benefits of the free market system. In Germany it is known as the *soziale marktwirtschaft* — the social market economy.

There are two key areas in which Christian Democrats elsewhere in Western Europe — and the Church in Western Europe — have very significant common ground with what we recognise here as Conservatism: in supporting the principles of the market economy, and in supporting subsidiarity.

In reconciling itself over centuries to the market economy, the Christian Church has come to recognise, and indeed welcome, the physical and spiritual emancipation which improved living standards bring to people. Various writings by leading Christian academics have provided detailed, and remarkably ecumenical, support for the worldly welfare which the social market economy brings to people.

When the standard of living falls, after all, higher values are often the first victims: the need to be competitive in the United Kingdom is not just about "cut-throat capitalism" — it is about maintaining an entire lifestyle which we have rightly cherished for generations.

Although the religious roots of Christian Democrat thinking should not be overemphasised, there is much ethical validation of social market ideas to be found in various texts written by Christian scholars, mainly Catholic, throughout this century. Most recently, perhaps, Michael Novak, in the 1993 Hayek Memorial Lecture, adduced the writings of Pope John Paul II to show how "true development must be from the bottom up ... it must allow every person, no matter how poor or unlearned, to participate in economic activism ... the test of a business system is what is happening among the able-bodied poor".

Amintore Fanfani was one of the fathers of Christian Democracy. In his days as an academic, in 1935, he wrote that "for a man to work to provide for anticipated future needs, to expand his business so as to better his own position and profit his neighbour and his country, is most lawful, and this according to the Angelic Doctor [St Thomas Aquinas] and according to the reigning Pope [Pius XI]".

Writing as early as 1901 in his encyclical *Graves de Communi*, Pope Leo XIII defined Christian Democracy, setting out its intentions as being "concerned primarily, though not exclusively, with the problems of the working class ... aimed at so improving the conditions of life as to allow people to feel themselves to be men, not mere animals; Christian men and not pagans ... a means, in these ways, of enabling people to strive with more facility and earnestness to attain that one thing needful, that final good for which we came into the world".

In his famous work *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*, Max Weber wrote in terms rather more familiar to British readers, and to Conservatives in particular. "Unlimited greed for gain," he wrote, "is not in the least identical with capitalism, and is still less its spirit".

That is an important insight, borne out by experience and shared with British Conservatives. Weber considers Protestantism, and Christian asceticism, in detail bordering on the esoteric, but concludes that the Lutheran notion of vocation, and Christian asceticism, play their part in providing a religious and moral basis for capitalism. By severe, and gruelling, historical analysis, he resolves this apparent paradox, and arrives at roughly what we in Britain have known as the "Protestant work ethic".

So, the philosophical roots of the market in the Church and Christian Democracy extend back a century, along with a growing clerical concern for the material welfare of ordinary, working-class people. The Church did not always have such an enlightened attitude: 19th century thinkers such as Kierkegaard exposed the appalling cynicism of so many clerics of that time, who were rather prone to defending capitalist exploitation of the worst kind. By exposing elements in the Christian Church of their day as both anti-humanitarian and intrinsically anti-Christian, writers such as Kierkegaard and even Karl Marx helped to hasten a fundamental and necessary re-evaluation of ethical standards within Christianity. Toynbee went so far as to write that "the verdict of history may turn out to be that a re-awakening of the Christian social conscience has been the one great positive achievement of Karl Marx".

The market economy, then, is rooted not merely in the dry utilitarianism of classical liberals and neo-liberals. Nor is it based upon amoral — or immoral — greed and materialism. It has long been accepted by enlightened thinkers as the best way of ensuring that ordinary people can guarantee their physical, social and moral wellbeing.

Perhaps the most eloquent connection between the social market and the Christian social conscience was made by the man who laid the foundations of the German social market, Ludwig Erhard: "That economic policy is Christian which helps people, each individual human being, and that is the economic policy which we are pursuing."

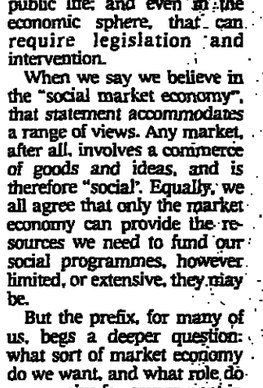
There is a linear intellectual path between that statement and Lord Joseph's 1975 statement that "we favour social market policies, in the sense of responsible policies which work with and through the market to achieve wider social aims". The market is merely a means to an end; it is no icon.

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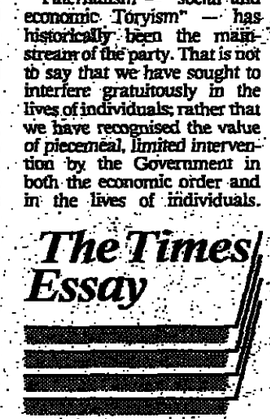
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Hunt: the market is merely a means to an end



Weber: religion a moral basis for capitalism



Marx: prompted a fresh view of Christian ethics

Desperate estate agents cut their rates

By Rachel Kelly
Property Correspondent

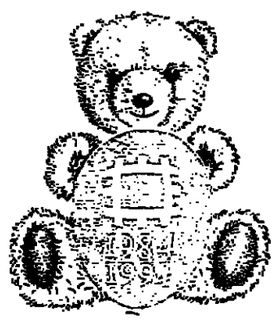
ESTATE agents, desperate to attract business, are cutting their commission rates to as low as 0.75 per cent instead of the more usual 2 per cent for sole agency.

The number of property transactions has fallen from a peak of 2.2 million sales at the height of the boom in 1989 to about 1.2 million sales a year.

David Goldsworthy, president of the National Association of Estate Agents, said fee-cutting had become widespread. "The lack of property up for sale at the moment means that some agents have become desperate for instructions," he said.

"A lot of the larger firms in particular are under pressure to get more business."

☐ Lawyers' fees could rise if the Law Society adopts a proposal to stop a solicitor acting for both buyer and mortgage lender. This common practice keeps fees low, but the Law Society, whose working party on conveyancing reports today, believes competition from lenders to sell mortgages can give rise to a conflict of interest with a lender pressurising its solicitor to push through a sale.



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NEWS IN BRIEF

Crash dead home today

The bodies of six British holidaymakers killed in a helicopter crash in Romania will be transported back to London today on a scheduled flight from Bucharest.

Chris Ingham, a spokesman for the British embassy in Bucharest, said yesterday the formalities had been completed by the local authorities and the prosecuting magistracy of Brasov was continuing its investigations. "The commission members are taking evidence and examining wreckage from the aircraft but there is no conclusion as yet," he said.

PC stabbed

A policeman aged 26 was recovering after being stabbed five times in the arm after stopping a 62-year-old motorist in Liverpool suspected of drinking-driving.

Thinking thin

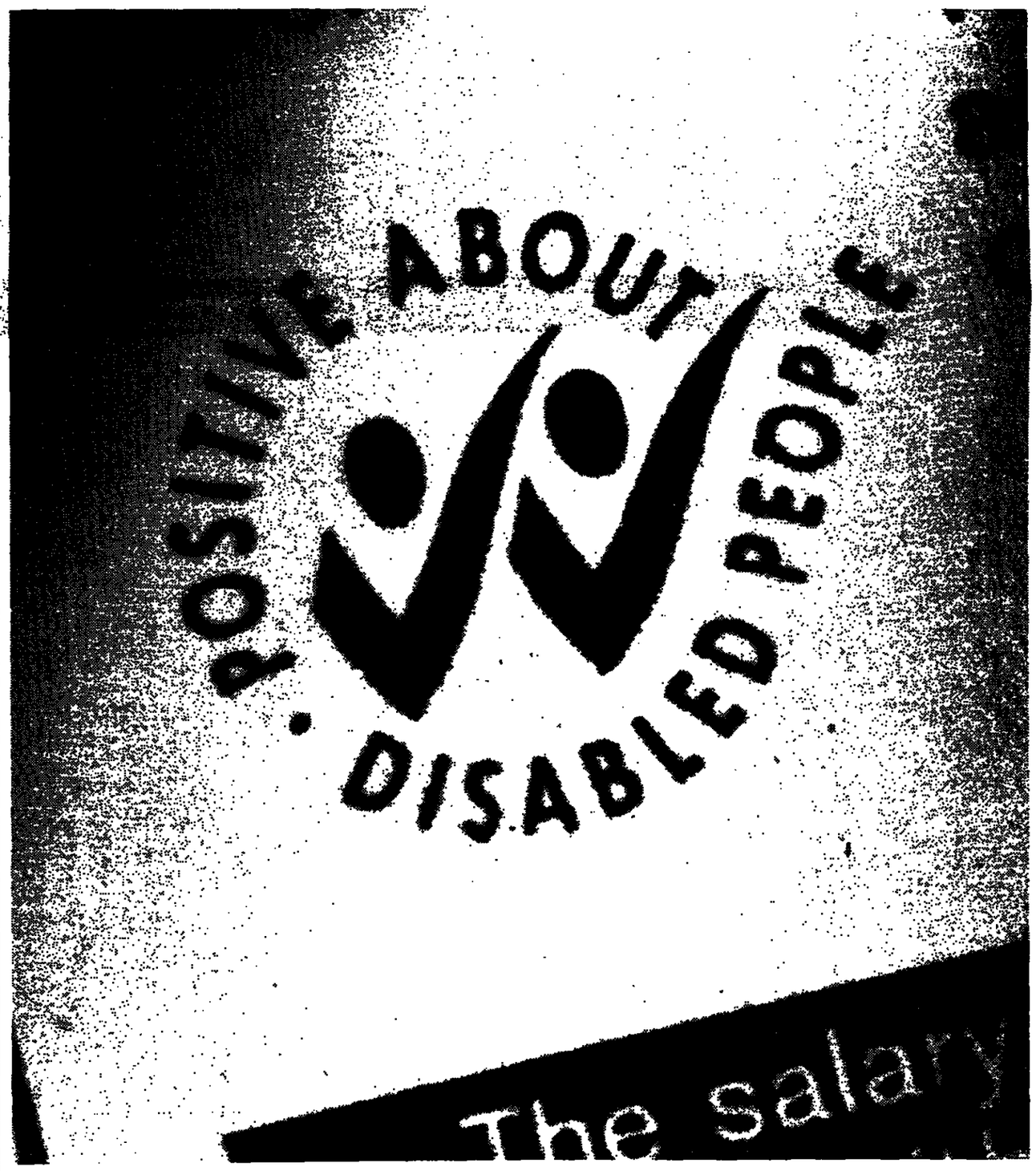
Some 50 per cent of girls and 20 per cent of boys aged 11 to 16 would like to lose weight, according to a survey by the Schools Health Education Unit published today.

Brawl death

Paul Dodd, 23, of Dartford, Kent, died after a fight outside a nightclub in the town. A 24-year-old man from Essex was helping police with their enquiries.

Bond winners

Winners in the National Savings premium bonds weekly draw are: £100,000, number 22WF 669929, winner lives in Liverpool (value of holding £200); £50,000, 2SJ5 012485, Hampshire (£19,996); £25,000, ISBN 464332, Suffolk (£6,435).



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Mafia gangsters linger in the shadows of reorganised election system

Italy's voters given chance to break with corrupt past

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN CORLEONE

ITALY went to the polls yesterday to make a clean break with the past, to stop the post-war rot of corruption in public life, and elect a new generation of "clean hands" leaders.

Even as it did so, however, the old Italy of underworld dons and intimidation of anti-Mafia politicians reared its head. A plot to blow up an anti-Mafia campaigner was uncovered in Turin, and there were signs that the Cosa Nostra has infiltrated Sicilian branches of Silvio Berlusconi's Forza Italia.

In voting spread over two days, to take account of the Jewish Passover, 48 million Italian voters have until tonight to choose between the left-wing Progressive Alliance,



the right-wing Liberty Alliance, which includes Forza Italia, and the centrist Pact for Italy. Polling booths opened under a new, mainly first-past-the-post system designed to eradicate corruption and parliamentary fragmentation.

But in Turin police doubled their guard on Luciano Violante, former head of the parliament's anti-Mafia commission and a candidate for the former Communist Democratic Party of the Left, after he claimed that there was a Mafia plot to kill him.

The most unpredictable vote was in the south of the country where Corleone, the town that inspired the Sicilian scenes in the *Godfather* films, is seen as a microcosm of the battle between the Mafia and its opponents throughout the beautiful but violent Mezzogiorno. In December, popular revulsion with underworld killing led to the election by 5,000 Corleone citizens of the first mayor hostile to the "men of honour" since the 1960s.

Giuseppe Cipriani, a former Communist elected on an anti-Mafia "Corleone Renaissance" slate, sought to change attitudes in this natural fortress in the mountains 60 miles from Palermo. For generations it has been the home of the Corleonese family, the most feared Cosa Nostra clan. In January, the revolt against organised crime scored another victory. Leoluca Orlando of the Rete (Network) party, the crusading Mayor of Palermo, joined Signor Cipriani to inaugurate the Piazza Falcone and Borsellino, a Corleone square named after two anti-Mafia judges murdered in 1992.

As the general election approached, however, Signor Cipriani, 32, began to receive threatening mail. Three weeks ago a grisly warning was delivered to his fiancée. "They left a severed calf's head in a nylon sack in front of her house," Signor Cipriani said at his office. "We knew there would be unsympathetic things like this, but it really is deplorable, an attempt to make one lose one's calm. My fiancée's family now want me to resign."

Police mounted a guard on the mayor's home, as they did at that of his friend, Dino Paternostro, the campaigning editor of Corleone's anti-Mafia newspaper *Città Nuove*, who also received mail and telephone threats. "They ring up my wife and say 'we are going to take your little girl'," Signor Paternostro said. "The cowardly thing is they put pressure on your relatives." Corleone's Progressive Alliance candidate, Giuseppe Lumia, a Catholic independent, says politicians with Mafia ties are trying to recover from the arrest last year of Salvatore "Toto" Riina, the alleged "boss of bosses" and Corleonese clan leader.



Achille Occhetto, leader of the eight-party, left-wing Progressive Alliance, after voting in Rome yesterday

"The climate is rather oppressive. All the old politicians are regrouping around the centre and [Signor] Berlusconi. They feel it is their last chance to obtain political protection." Tension increased with a spate of robberies in the area, shattering a *pax mafioso* that made Corleone one of the safest towns in Italy. "People began saying that it was because Riina wasn't around to protect them any more," Signor Paternostro said.

A week ago the Forza Italia candidate in Corleone, Michele Fierotti, held a campaign rally urging the mayor to resign. The main problem facing Corleone, he added, was "the anti-Mafia movement criminalising our towns." Signor Fierotti also called for the Falcone and Borsellino square to be given back its old name, the Piazza Vittorio Emanuele, saying that love of the fatherland in Corleone was being stifled.

Campaigning in front of 700 people in the Piazza Falcone Borsellino, Signor Violante appealed to Mafia "soldiers" to follow the example of hundreds of mobsters in the Camorra, the Neapolitan crime gang, and surrender their arms to the state in the hope of an amnesty.

Signor Violante believes the new Forza Italia clubs are vulnerable to Mafia infiltration. "I do not know if Forza Italia is aware, but a large number of people from the old Christian Democrat-Socialist party apparatus are joining them," he said. Signor Berlusconi has strongly denied that his clubs have any Mafia links.

Balladur shrugs off student protests

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

EDOUARD Balladur, the French Prime Minister, was banking on a badly needed endorsement for his government in local elections yesterday as he marks his first anniversary in office amid the din of youth protests. Gaullist and centre-right parties hoped to seal the strong showing they made in last week's first round of elections to departmental, or county, councils.

Emboldened by three weeks of demonstrations that have been even fiercer in the provinces than in Paris, student leaders called for fresh protests this week. M Balladur is hoping that the marches are running out of steam and will fizzle out with the start of the Easter holidays.

M Balladur is giving a similar gloss to the youth crisis as most commentators. The revolt, he says, is not so much about the scheme to create youth jobs by dropping the minimum wage, as about a *mal de vivre profond*, a deep sense of despair fuelled by chronic unemployment.

The Prime Minister, who remains the most popular politician in France, says the malaise is the cause of fierce resistance to his reforms. "We found a fragile and worried society. We have done a lot but there is still much to be done."

M Balladur said his job is not being hampered, as everyone had expected, by the "cohabitation" with M Mitterrand as much as by the social malaise and by the imminence of the presidential contest. The rivalry between M Balladur and Jacques Chirac, the party leader and his mentor, is dividing the government and turning the Chirac camp into the Prime Minister's biggest opposition. Their line is that M Balladur is a transitional figure, an inexperienced politician who lacks fighting instinct and vision. Responding in characteristic fashion, M Balladur said: "Beware of transitional popes".

NEWS IN BRIEF



Angels: loneliness was the main problem

Kidnapped Spanish heiress released

Madrid: A Spanish pharmacist kidnapped 16 months ago near Barcelona and presumed murdered suddenly reappeared early yesterday when she walked into a petrol station near the city (Edward Owen writes).

A ransom of £250,000 had been demanded for the release of Maria Angels Feliu, aged 35, the daughter of a wealthy family. But the ransom was never paid. She said loneliness had been the main problem while she had been kept in a narrow, damp room and fed by the same person throughout her ordeal.

Lübeck blames rightwinger

Bonn: Lübeck's tiny Jewish community of 27 yesterday began their Passover festival celebrations as commentators criticised a far-right leader who said Germany's Jewish leader was to blame for racial hatred. Police and shocked residents of the northern port stood guard at the city's firebombed synagogue, target of the first such attack since the Third Reich.

German newspapers urged the government to act against Franz Schönhuber, leader of the extreme-right Republicans, who said Ignatz Bubis, head of the Central Council of Jews, was inciting race hatred. *(Reuter)*

EU threatens legal challenge

London: Greece was told by its European partners that its trade embargo against Macedonia was unacceptable and that unless Athens lifted the blockade, Greece would face legal action in the European Court (Michael Binyon writes).

Their view that banning Macedonia from using the port of Salonika is illegal will be underlined today by Hans van den Broek, the EU External Affairs Commissioner, who will deliver a warning to Athens.

Leaning tower crumbling now

Pisa: The 14th century Leaning Tower of Pisa may be straightening up, but restoration officials are worried the monument's facade is beginning to crumble. Yesterday a 12-inch chunk of the tower's marble facade broke off, and experts said it was due to years of environmental wear and tear.

They said rain, wind and pollution were all taking a toll on the edifice, whose restoration has been largely neglected since scientists began their project to straighten the tower three years ago. *(Reuter)*

German Socialist chosen to administer Mostar

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE European Union yesterday approved Hans Koschnick, 64, a German Social Democrat deputy, as its administrator for the Bosnian city of Mostar. He will be officially appointed at a Foreign Ministers' meeting in Luxembourg on April 18.

Under an EU peace plan, if fighting can be ended in Mostar, where Croats have besieged Muslims, the EU will help restore the city's wrecked administration and try to establish a lasting peace. In Mostar, the assembly of the self-proclaimed Croat state of Herceg-Bosna voted in favour of the proposed Muslim-Croat federation late on Saturday, with only one "No" vote and three abstentions.

Alija Izetbegovic, the Bosnian President, has been re-elected chairman of Bosnia's main Muslim party in a move that paves the way for his replacement as head of state in the new federation. Sources close to the Bosnian government said Mr Izetbegovic might step down as President within a month. Under Bosnia's collective rotating presidency, Mr Izetbegovic should have handed over to a Croat in 1992, but regular constitutional procedures were suspended because of civil war.

Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, yesterday accused the Bosnian government army of launching a new military offensive and warned them to stop or face a counter-attack by his forces. Bosnian radio claimed that the government forces had captured some important Serb positions in the north, killed 70 Bosnian Serb troops, and were advancing in the area.

Addressing a meeting of his Serbian Democratic Party (SDS) in the Bosnian Serb stronghold of Banja Luka, Dr Karadzic said a Muslim spring offensive, which he claimed had already begun, "must be broken".

"If the Muslims continue this offensive, I will order a counter-offensive and then they will not be able to get territory which they might get through political negotiations," he said.

A British soldier was injured on Saturday when his armoured vehicle ran over a landmine near the town of Maglaj. The soldier suffered a broken leg and superficial face wounds.

Sarajevo: A French Hercules C130 yesterday became the 10,000th UN transport plane to fly into the city since the airbridge opened in June 1992. On board was Admiral Jacques Lanxade, commander-in-chief of the French armed forces, who said that since June 1992 "over 100,000 tonnes of freight have been flown in, 15 per cent of it due to the efforts of the French military". *(AFP)*

Crimea advances its clocks two hours and looks to Russia

Separatists shun Ukrainian ballot

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN KIEV

UKRAINE voted yesterday in parliamentary elections which seemed to offer the former Soviet republic a choice between stagnation or disintegration.

In Crimea, where ethnic Russians form 70 per cent of the population, voters ignored the national election while taking part in a plebiscite on greater independence and dual citizenship which Ukraine tried to ban.

President Meshkov of Crimea ordered clocks to be advanced two hours to put Crimea in the same time zone as Moscow rather than Kiev. President Kravchuk of Ukraine responded that it took little effort to move a clock forward but a great deal to make reforms work. "Crimea lives together with Ukraine," he said.

Crimea apart, voter turnout was unexpectedly high. By evening, more than 50 per cent of the Ukrainian electorate had voted, ensuring the validity of the elections in most constituencies. With 5,833 candidates for the 450 seats, however, a second and probably a third round of voting will be needed to determine the victors.

The electoral law, described by Western observers as farcical and bizarre, discriminates in various ways against political parties, invalidates the results in any single constituency where less than 50 per cent of the electorate votes, and demands that the eventual winner receive more than 50 per cent. Only 11 per cent of candidates yesterday represented political parties, while the rest were independents, mostly from the former Communist elite.

Even party workers have not seemed interested. A visit to one party's offices shortly before the elections showed only three people on duty, two of whom were watching a Chinese martial arts film. Posters in support of individual candidates tend to appear in bunches of 20 or so in the same place — suggesting that the party worker responsible got rid of his or her whole stock at one go and then went off home. Voters yesterday expressed irritation and bewilderment at the number of candidates and their lack of party affiliation or clear-cut programmes.

"It's like a game of roulette. We don't know who they are or what they stand for," Yefim Yablonsky, an engineer, said. Several voters had crossed out all the candidates on the list in protest against the catastrophic fall in their living standards. This has encouraged moves in Crimea and eastern Ukraine, with their large Russian populations, towards union with Russia. Like Crimea, Donetsk added its own referendum to the elections yesterday, calling for Russian to be an official language in Ukraine.

Pro-Russian Communist candidates are expected to do well in these areas, giving rise to fears that Ukraine could see a replay of the rise of Vladimir Zhirinovsky's extreme nationalists in Russia.

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SICILY: MYTH AND REALITY

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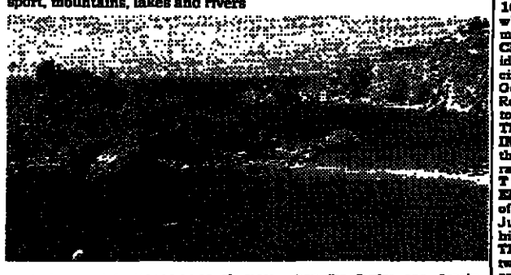
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The very stones in Sicily have a history. History which speaks to us all of the splendour of Magna Graecia through the medium of its archaeology. When a visitor, journeying through its sites, stands before such testimony to Greek civilisation, he can pick up a feeling, a sensation which carries him magically back into the past.
The Greek Theatre in Syracuse is the most renowned, important monument in the city itself, but also in the entire western Greek world. Entirely sculpted out of the very rock, it is home every two years to classical tragedies put on by the National Institute for Ancient Drama.
The visitor's attention is drawn by the Fountain of Arethusa, with its papyrus, the Ear of Dionysius, the Graeco-Roman theatre, large stone quarries (the ancient "latomies"), the altar of Jerone II (3rd century B.C.) the remains of the temples of Apollo, (7th century B.C.), of Athaena (6th century B.C.) and of Zeus (5th century B.C.).
Syracuse is Greek in origin, going back to 734 B.C., and it has made an enormous contribution to Mediterranean and European culture, with Epicarmus, who created comedy, Theocritus, Eumelus, Mosco, Archimedes and Ibn Hamdis, Sicily's most important Arab poet. San Giuseppe, the iconographer and San Metodio are essential to Graeco-Byzantine culture. As too is Santa Lucia, followed by Gaetano Zummo, the famous wax-modeller, Tommaso Gargallo and, more recently, Elio Vittorini.
After Syracuse, it is interesting to visit Agrigento, the ancient Akragas, home to the philosopher Empedocles who was the inspiration for many poets. Agrigento was founded in 580 B.C. Pindar praised it for its opulence and Goethe hailed it for the Doric style of its pillars. Nowadays it provides the tourist with a vast archaeological area of particular interest, now known as the Valley of the Temples. Such a setting has no equal and leaves the visitor delighted. There is the Temple of Juno, the Temple of Concord, the Temple of Hercules and of the Dioscuri (Castor and Pollux), while the Temple of Zeus is the largest in the Western world.
In 1867 the playwrite Luigi Pirandello was born in Agrigento. In Gela tourists can admire the sole surviving column of the temple on the Acropolis built towards the end of the first quarter of the 5th century B.C. and probably dedicated to Athena. The solemnity of the Selinunte archaeological area tells its own story. Selinunte (628 B.C.), one of the largest Greek colonies in Sicily, destroyed by the Carthaginians in 409 B.C., was at the centre of development in economics, town planning, art and culture. The Archaeological Museum in Palermo holds the greatest masterpieces of Greek colonial art. The temples at Selinunte are shown alphabetically so that one can follow the continuous archaeological excavation work in this area, so rich in treasures continually coming to light.
A further essential visit on a trip to Sicily is Segesta, with its Greek theatre and temple, while tourists can admire the only Punic ship ever recovered in the Archaeological Museum in Marsala. The island of Motzia has many archaeological finds, including the very precious black and white paving mosaics of the 4th century B.C.
These are some of the places to visit when you come to Sicily. But there are other places, many others, rich with a wealth of history and they too should be seen. Sicily - a wonderful island with a wonderful culture, enriching everyone who experiences it.

TOURISM FOR EVERYONE

Tourism in Sicily meets present social and market requirements well as it has a rich and diversified range of accomodation, making a stay on the island delightful.
There have been positive and indeed encouraging results from the policy developed by the Regional Council for Tourism to tackle the international market - even at a time of serious recession affecting everyone worldwide.
If asked "Would you like to come to Sicily?" everyone - or at least the majority - would say "Yes". That this is so can be seen, not from any sample survey, but from a feeling of admiration and attraction towards Sicily and having a vibrant desire to "land" there. Indeed, if every potential tourist arrived on the island at the same time, all the hotels in the world wouldn't be enough to hold such a considerable number of visitors.
Here is a mythical island of great enchantment, caressed and protected always by sun and by sea; blessed by its plants, flowers and fruit and, above all, by its people. Simple, happy people who open their homes to tourists in that wonderful biblical belief that the guest is sacred.
This is Sicily, its poetry, mythology and history; its present and its future - its life.
It seems to have been given its role as a "tourist island" by the Greek Gods who held their splendid rites in its temples, and left wonderful traces in places visited ceaselessly by tourists from countries all over the world. And tourism is an essential part of modern living, if we consider the many areas it covers: holidays, research, schooling, culture, archaeology, congresses, medicine, hot springs, sailing, sport, mountains, lakes and rivers etc. The list goes on, as tourism here involves people from every country of the five continents.
Let's just pause for a moment to consider UFO's and those strange "beings" they carry. For some time now we've become accustomed to believing in them from news in the worlds press. You might say that new "tourists" wish to visit our planet, and Sicily as well as Italy.
Could it be that a civilisation such as ours, a strong mythology linking the island of sun to the gods, has reached as far as interplanetary space, making other beings curious to know, see and admire the beauty of nature which is in all of creation here.
Sicily offers tourism for everyone and the day might not be far off when - perhaps - we see the arrival of these new interplanetary tourists, small in number at first, but creating such a sensation that Sicily becomes involved in a new and unprecedented dimension, with totally new players. It would be the birth of a new "moment" in mythology, on the threshold of the year two thousand.
There is tourism for everyone in Sicily and it is not by chance that the Region has decided upon largescale promotions, intended to draw in a new flow of tourists - amongst these the "94 WORLD CYCLING CHAMPIONSHIPS" and the "97 WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES".
Sport holds place of honour, and is a modern testimonial to tourism. Its strong fascination and appeal encourage people to come to Sicily to experience unforgettable competitive sporting moments, and events which unite local people, tourists and sportsman alike in their enthusiasm.



SICILY SEEN FROM THE SEA

Apart from air travellers, everyone who comes to Sicily, whether travelling by rail or car and boat - sees Sicily from the sea.
Overland to Sicily involves car or rail travel to Villa S. Giovanni or Reggio Calabria and then a short ferry crossing of the Straits of Messina, with a charming view of the island's coastline, before disembarking in Messina. Your holiday trip to Sicily has started.
Those who come by sea often feel a deep emotion when they see the island outlined against the horizon, as they will very shortly actually be standing on the land they have dreamt of for so long.
A trip to Sicily can even be preceeded by a short - really short - cruise. For some months past a return ferry service, using an extremely modern boat, has linked Genoa and Palermo.
Sicily is best seen from the sea, on arrival and departure. But, even as visitors leave the island, they are strangely moved by a gentle nostalgia for such an enjoyable and unforegettable stay. We hope you'll be back. Soon. Sicily is waiting.

SICILY, ITALY WRIT LARGE

Some additional information of interest on the largest island in the Mediterranean:
AGRIGENTO: one of just three cities in the Mediterranean world during classical times.
THE OLDEST, TALLEST TREE IN ITALY: is to be found on Etna and is the so-called 100 horse-power chestnut, divided into three trunks, 12, 20 and 22 metres wide and 30 metres high.
AN HOTEL FIT FOR ARTISTS: the studio on the sea at Castel di Tusa, is the first hotel in Europe dedicated to modern art and design. Each room is a work of art. The reception is by "Bobo Otera".
MODERN ART: the largest modern open air sculptures in Gibellina (the "Cretto" by Alberto Burri which, in absolute terms, is the largest sculpture in the world).
161 CASTLES AND 197 TOWERS: what other region can offer so much?
CINEMA: the island was and is an ideal location for the masters of cinema, from Visconti to Rosi, Germi to Tornatore, Petri to Cimino, Rossellini to Risi and from Monicelli to Zeffirelli.
THE MOST ANCIENT CAR RACE IN THE WORLD: (first run in 1906) the international Florio-Palermo race is still run in Sicily.
THE FIRST WORLD ENCYCLOPEDIA: it was Diodorus of Agira who lived in the time of Julius Caesar who first wrote a history of the world in 40 books.
THE FIRST FEMINISTS: in 1735 two Sicilian women, Genoveffa Basso and Isabella Bellini, were already writing about feminism - more than half a century ahead of the first Frenchwomen. And in 1737 a 400 page book appeared in Sicily entitled "Philosophical-historical Apologia" demonstrating that the female sex was superior to the male.
THE MOST SOUTHERLY BEECHWOODS IN THE WORLD: on the mountains of the Madonies.
FESTIVAL: The longest festival in Europe is held in Taormina each year, when films, videos, music, dance and theatre are put on for three months.
GOLF: the highest 18 hole golf course in Europe is on Etna, with breathtaking scenery.
JAZZ: the island is a paradise for saxophone players and vocalists, with 200 concerts each year.
MANNA: in Sicily there actually is the biblical manna, which fell from the sky for the Hebrews in the desert. It's produced at Pollina and Castelbuono (in the province of Palermo) and has various therapeutic qualities.
MOSAICS: the most extensive and interesting, 6.340 sq.m. of Arab/Norman mosaics in the Imperial Villa in Piazza Armerina.
THE OLDEST SHIP IN EUROPE: was found in Marsala and is kept there. It's a Punic ship from the year 241 B.C.
THE LARGEST ANIMATED CLOCK IN THE WORLD: this is in the belltower in Messina Cathedral.
PANTALICA: the most grandiose rock necropolis (5.000 tombs) in Europe, belonging to a Siculan city which flourished between the 12th and 8th centuries B.C.
SELINUNTE: the most extensive, important archaeological park in Europe.
NATURE RESERVES AND PARKS: more than 100.
PINE FOREST: the most extensive pine forest in the Mediterranean is to be found at Linguaglossa. It stretches over 1,200 hectares.
SKI DOWN THE VOLCANO: besides being the highest volcano in Europe, for six months of the year you can practise any winter sport on Etna.
THE MOST PROFESSED GREEK TEMPLE IN THE WORLD: is the Doric style Temple of the Concordia in Agrigento, dating from the 5th century B.C.
HOT SPRING: the most ancient and most extensive hot springs in Europe are to be found in Sciacca.
TEA ROOM: the tea room offering the greatest variety of teas and sugars can be found in Raddusa (Catania) where you can choose from 120 teas and 27 different types of sugar.
TREKKING: one of the most picturesque sites in the world is undoubtedly on Etna, at 3,000 metres above sea level.
THE IDEAL ITALIAN VILLAGE: is Pomazzo (Catania/Etna).
WINE: it's the region which produces most wine and most grapes in Europe.
And again - capers, ceramics, coral, lemons, pipes, silkworks, papyrus, pistacchio, biological products, sanctuaries, windsurfing... Sicily is a leader in these areas as well.

THE ENTIRE MEDITERRANEAN CAN BE FOUND IN SICILIAN COOKING

The aroma and taste of sun and sea. The sin of gluttony.
Even two thousand years ago there was no question about the delights of Sicilian cuisine. At that time, in fact, the Siculo-Greek poet Archestrato di Gela praised the island's dishes and wrote the world's first treatise on gastronomy.
The island's cooking is the result of its twin riches of a sea rich in fish and particularly fertile soil.
Tuna, swordfish, crustaceans and the seafood which the Mediterranean is so rich in form the basis to many of its typical dishes.
One of the most loved dishes in western Sicily is "pasta con le sarde", an expert mixture of woodland and sea flavours, dressed with pinenuts, raisins and wild fennel: in eastern Sicily there are "spaghetti alla Norma" in honour of the heroine in the opera by local musician Vincenzo Bellini, dressed in a sauce of tomatoes, fried aubergines and salty ricotta. Spaghetti with a squid sauce has a unique pungent flavour and a very dark colour. Couscous (served in Trapani province) is inspired by the Arabs, both in the way it's made and cooked, but the Sicilian version is made with fish stock.
There is a rural side to Sicilian cooking which is quite interesting and this comes from its position in the centre of the Mediterraneau where the climate produces good, early fruit and vegetables.
There are aubergines in abundance and these are used as a sauce and also as the basis to various recipes, including "parmigiana di melanzane" which, despite its name, is a Sicilian dish. "Caponata" too (fried aubergines with onions, tomato sauce, celery, capers, olives and vinegar added) and peperonata.
But it is in its desserts that Sicily excels in imagination and spectacle. There is cassata (a sweet originating from Arabia), cannoli full of ricotta, angel cake, marzipan cakes and lemon and almond granita.
To finish with, the icecream invented by a Sicilian - one Procopio Coltelli - who opened the famous Café Procope in Paris in 1611 in front of the Comedie Francaise. Icecream nowadays is excellent throughout the region, and there are also homemade icecreams.
Wines are very important throughout the island, and their quality and production methods are appreciated both in Italy and abroad.
A mini-guide to typical products: oranges, capers, artichokes, olives and extra virgin olive oil, mandarins, almonds, strawberries, melons honey, nuts, and pistacchio nuts.
Also table wine and good quality DOC wines: Bianco d'Alcamo, Cerasuolo di Vittoria , Contessa Entellina, Etna white and red, Malvasia di Salina, Marsala, Moscato from Noto and Pantelleria, Corvo di Salaparuta and Regaleali.



THE LENGTH AND BREADTH OF SICILY

From city to city: culture, traditions, nature and so much folk de vivre.

SCIACCA
Sciacca is to be found on Sicily's south west coast. If we follow a guidebook on archaeology and travel from the temples at Selinunte to the excavations at Eraclea Minoa and the Valley of the Temples at Agrigento, we come to Sciacca, a town rich in ancient walls, Norman palaces and medieaval castles, churches and works of art.
This most ancient of cities (7th century B.C.), mentioned by Pliny and Diodora Siculo, has a mild climate, blue seas teeming with fish, wonderful beaches, fertile fields with vineyards and olive groves and has the richest, most complete range of hot springs in the world, with many well known radio-active thermomineral waters and many other varieties not yet exploited.
There is always a holiday feel about Sciacca. The city's well balanced climate and the happy approach of its citizens are most encouraging for tourists.
RAGUSA
Built on the ruins of the ancient Hybla Heraea (founded some thousands of years before Christ) Ragusa had a splendid heyday. It was the domain of the Normans (XII and XV centuries) but was, destroyed in 1693 by the earthquake which hit Eastern Sicily.
When it was rebuilt, two new cities grew up, linked under one administration. The first, the upper town, has a wide, symmetrical roads; the other, the lower town, where the earlier town was rebuilt, follows a medieaval town plan and is rich in palaces, churches and monuments - a true Baroque jewel. Your visit could start with the churches and palaces in the upper town and then move to the Baroque city.
PIAZZA ARMERINA
The mosaic city in Enna Province can be reached by rail or from the Catania-Palermo motorway, about 30Km away. Piazza Armerina is renowned world wide, particularly for its "Mosaics from the Roman Villa of Casale". These are narrative in nature and, with their wide variety of subjects and wealth of colour, are of inestimable value both in terms of art and where the customs of Roman times are concerned.
Piazza Armerina also offers the tourist a view of medieaval quarters, with its alleyways, churches and antique palaces and, in Piazza Duomo, there is the majestic Baroque cathedral. For nature lovers there are immense stretches of woodland with pine trees, eucalyptus, poplars and cedars (roughly 20.000 hectares).
There are excursions from Piazza Armerina to nearby centres with a wide range of attractions, such as the archaeological remains of the Siculan-Greek city of Morgantina, the ceramic museum at Caltagirone, or the museums of archaeology at Gela. Aidone and Centuripe, and many lakes in the province and excursions (at least two hours by coach) to Etna and the Madonies.
SYRACUSE - *Classical tragedies at its Greek Theatre*
The National Institute for Ancient Drama (INDA) is celebrating its eighteenth birthday with the 100th cycle of classical tragedies at the Greek Theatre in Syracuse, with Aeschylus, Aristophanes and Plautus.
From 12 May to 19 June 1994 the programme will stage Agamemnon and Prometheus by Aeschylus and Arcanes by Aristophanes.
This theatre which has been world famous for twenty five centuries, is offering three masterpieces of Greek drama, three plays produced by the National Institute for Ancient Drama in Syracuse - the only institute in the world specialising in classic plays.
ACIREALE
For the Greeks there was Xiphonia and for the Romans Acis but Acireale is linked to the myth of Aci and Galatea. The city stands on a verdant hill rich with citrus plantations, between the slopes of Etna and the Ionian Sea and can be reached by rail on the Messina-Catania-Syracuse line and by motorway (the A/18) or by Highway 114 from Messina to Catania. Scarcely 16Km from Catania, it is therefore also served by the international airport at Fontanarossa and by the port.
There are excursions to Taormina (30Km), Messina (80Km), Syracuse (90Km), Piazza Armerina (90Km) and Etna (50Km). The villages along the Riviera of the Cyclops are a popular tourist destination (from Ognina to Capomulini), as too are those along the "Riviera of the Lemon Trees" (from Capomulini to Stazzo).
The Terme di S. Venera, modern hotels, seaside camping and a beautiful clean sea mean that every possible tourist requirement is met in full.
Acireale, a city of hot springs
The Terme di S. Venera are open all year round and are amongst the best equipped springs in Europe. Waters with sulphur, chlorine and sodium, as well as radioactive waters are a feature of these springs which go back to Hellenic times.
Monuments in Acireale reveal a wealth of Sicilian Baroque, and the area is known for its Opera dei Pupi, the most lovable carnaval in Sicily and the Eighteenth Century Crib at Christmastime in a lava-grotto with life-size "Shepherds".
CATANIA
This is a very ancient city which has been a lively trading port and meeting point for the most important cultures in the Mediterranean since the 8th century B.C. It has played an important role in the island's history and there is still precious evidence of this, in buildings such as the Ursino Castle, built by Frederick II of Sweden. The city's character comes from its sumptuous Baroque, long, straight streets and the uniform style used to rebuild it after the 1693 earthquake. The "Cassaro" of Catania is its Via Etnea which, as Riccardo Bacchelli writes, is "a road embodying a pleasant touch of vanity, like an honorary citizen". A road kilometres long which, as Antonio Arlotta wrote, is the best known icecream shop in the world, and is only real in summer, when the stars in the sky above Catania are the largest, most luminous in the firmament and the spikes of Arcadian lamine dressing the fizzy drinks look are as plump and as big as a child's hand".
The Massimo Bellini theatre is the pride of a city which gave birth to Vincenzo Bellini. Catania offers tourists its Villa Bellini, churches and palaces, the Piazza Duomo with Elephant Fountain, a symbol for this city under Etna which has an extremely modern international airport at Fontanarossa. Catania can also be reached by rail and by the Messina-Catania and Palermo-Catania motorways.
ETNA: *A WORLD OF DISCOVERY*
The largest active volcano in Europe (3,350 meters high) and one of the biggest in the world, Etna stands in the midst of sun, sea, snow and fire.
The volcano changes its aspect in winter, when it is snow-covered: the mountain loses its severe look and changes into a joyous ski resort, equipped with cablecar, ski-lift, hotels, shelters, refreshment and first-aid stops. There is the Italian School of Northern Alpine Ski, and many miles of well prepared and approved piste winding through delightful countryside.
For tourists who like a thrill, there's a visit to the crater. You can climb to the top of Etna up its southern and northern slopes. From the south, along the road from Nicolosi to the Sapienza refuge (1,900 metres) and afterwards by minibus off-route as far as the craters. From the northern side, you reach Piano Provenzana (Linguaglossa) by rail and by the Messina-Catania motorway, follow the Mareneve road as far as Piano Provenzana (1,800 meters), and then take an off-route minibus.
Above 2,000 meters, the view changes into volcanic desert.
TAORMINA
In 1885 Guy de Maupassant wrote: "If someone had to spend one whole day in Sicily and asked: "What should I see?", I would answer without hesitation: Taormina". It is only a landscape, but a landscape where you can find everything on earth seemingly created to seduce the eyes, the mind and the imagination".
Maupassant's words are enough to induce tourists to visit Taormina and to enjoy and revel in this wonder of nature on Sicily's Ionian Riviera which must be one of the most beautiful places in the world.
Taormina is waiting. You're very welcome.
MESSINA, *THE ISLAND'S PORT*
If you are a tourist arriving in Villa San Giovanni or Reggio Calabria by train or car, you then take a ferry for the short crossing of the Straits and your first welcome to Sicily and Messina is from the marble pillar of Our Lady at the entry to the port of Messina.
A feature of the city of the straits, as it is known to everyone, are its earthquake-resistant buildings, put up after the earthquake of 1908 which razed it to the ground. You must see the Church of SS. Annunziata dei Catalani (the second half of the 12th century) which was left miraculously intact after the 1908 earthquake and, in front of the church itself, the bronze statue of Don Giovanni d'Austria, who won the battle of Lepanto. The Cathedral, put up by Roger II, the 12th century Norman, has a 60 metre high belltower with the largest mechanical clock in the world (built by the Ungerer company of Strasbury in the 30's) and puts on an unusual show for tourists at midday.
Nearby excursions are to Ganzirri Lake, Torre Faro, the Lido at Mortelle and, of course, to Taormina, Giardini Naxos, Catania, Acireale, Tindari, Milazzo and the Aeolian Islands.
MARSALA
The city was founded in 397 B.C. when Phoenicians living in Mozia were defeated by the people of Syracuse and took refuge on the Lilibeo headland. It took that name initially and then changed it to its present name of Marsala which derives from the Arabian Marsah-el-Allah (the port of Allah).
The city's history is linked to the history of Italy as it was there that Garibaldi and his "Thousand" landed, leading to the unification of the rest of Italy.
It is famous for its Marsala wine. The first wine production plants, known as "bagli" go as far back as 1773 and were started up by an Englishman - G. Woodhouse.
TRAPANI
A city of windmills and saltmines, which stretches towards the sea in the shape of a sickle from the foot of Mount Erice. Its origins go back to the Sicani and, according to legend, to the sickle which fell to Ceres wandering in desperation in search of her daughter Proserpine who had been carried off by Pluto.
There is valuable Trapani craftwork ('600-'800), including a manger made of coral with figures in alabaster, and paintings (18th century). The Museum of Prehistory is to be found in the 17th century Torre di Ligny. The saltmines with their windmills are something very special for visitors to see.
ERICE
Erice stands majestically on Sicily's extreme western tip, 751 meters above sea level. It offers a stupendous view to visitors and on very clear days you can see the coasts of the island of Pantelleria and of Tunisia. Its origins are ancient and mysterious and it is said to have been founded by the mythical Elice.
The town is surrounded by its gigantic Elymian-Punic walls.
As an historical centre and city of art, Erice is exceptionally interesting, with its narrow cobbled streets at very steep gradients and small courtyards covered in flowers. Craftwork is flourishing, with handwoven carpets, typical confectionery from recipes handed down by Abbeys of old and wrought iron.
This mountain town has become important worldwide as the home of the "Ettore Majorana" Centre for Scientific Culture, directed by Antonino Zichichi, the physicist. Each year it attracts the most famous physicists and Nobel Prize winners from all over the world.
PALERMO
"It's impossible to put into words the hazy transparency shrouding the coast on that splendid afternoon when we reached Palermo... Once you've seen this, you can never forget it". Goethe's words are an admirable introduction to Palermo which nestles in the Conca d'Oro (Golden Conch) plain rich in citrus groves, facing Sicily's northern coastline and protected by Mount Pellegrino in whose caves Paleolithic man lived a good 12,000 years ago.
Palermo is a Roman city and even today, in the most ancient part of its residential area, amongst the palm trees of the Villa Bonanno, the remains can be found of a Roman house with a mosaic hunting scene depicting a lion and a wildboar and a hunter fleeing in terror.
Palermo is rich in history, tradition and culture. Its first settlement was between the Kemonia river and the Papireto. The Phoenicians arrived in the 8th century B.C. and in 480 B.C. Palermo fought alongside Carthage in the epic battle of Imera when the Punics and Greeks faced each other and the Greeks won. After the barbarians came Byzantian rule. With the arrival of the Arabs (831) Palermo rediscovered its role and became the most important economic and cultural centre on the island. The Normans (1072) brought new quarters and monuments to the city and it became the capital of the Norman kingdom under Roger II, King of Sicily (1130).
The Sicilian school of poetry, which was to prove the basis to Italian literature just then developing, blossomed under Frederick II. Culture flourished and spread out from the Palazzo dei Normanni (the Royal Norman Palace) in whose Palatine Chapel the basilica design of three naves adopted the new expressive Arab architecture and the brilliance of Byzantine mosaics (1132). The "Pantocrator" towers in the dome between archangels and angels of rare beauty in gold and colours, evoking the precious woven stis in the "tiraz" of a Norman court.
Popular tradition is kept alive in song and dance in folk costume, with the characteristic Sicilian carts painted and decked out in their Sunday best, the puppet theatre, reminding us of fradein the "Lucetta" (or "Ballata") market which so inspired Renato Guttuso in his great painting "Al Vucciria". Visit the botanical garden in Italy, the Parco della Favorita with its Chinese villa, the Zisa, the Cathedral, the Norman Palace and many many other monuments. Moving out of the city, along Corso Calatafimi, we reach Monreale where the Cathedral was built in just two years (1184-1186) in splendid Byzantine-Arabic style, with its rich mosaics and Christ Benedicens and its square cloisters with 26 coupled columns along each side.
Tradition, folklore, history and culture. But gastronomy as well. Palermo's dishes are inviting and tasty, with "pasta con le sarde" (pasta with sardines), different types of fish, couscous and desserts. Choice dishes which lead us willingly into the sins of gluttony. There are cannoli with cream and ricotta cheese, marzipan sweets, and the queen of them all: Sicilian cassata.
CEFALU'
Cefalù is on the island's northern coast and, as a centre for Norman art with its stupendous views, it's a must for tourists. Its Norman Cathedral with Byzantine mosaics and Christ Pantocrator is the largest monument in the town. The Mandralisca Museum houses the "Portrait of an Unknown Man" by Antonello da Messina.
CALTANISSETTA
This city is connected with sulphur mining. Its Mineralogical Museum, situated in one wing of the Mining Institute, houses over 3,000 mineralogical exhibits and a 1,500 piece fossil collection.
Its collection of minerals from all over the world is exceptional (sulphur crystals, gypsum, transparent carbonates - isolated and grouped in very colourful compositions). There are also photos, documents, working tools, and rare geological maps of Sicily.

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US exit leaves Somalia prey to looters and bandits

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■ The Americans have gone and plunderers are operating with impunity in Mogadishu. The outcome has left future US peace operations hemmed in by rules and conditions.

THE failure of the American-led operation to bring lasting order to Somalia was underlined yesterday as United Nations peacekeepers from Third World countries struggled in vain to prevent an orgy of looting and gunfights around UN bases.

The American troops have gone, and emboldened Somalis simply cut through the wire fences round bases to steal furniture, tyres and petrol with impunity. Youths carried stacks of chairs out on their heads, while Pakistani and Egyptian troops looked helplessly on. Around Mogadishu port there was mayhem as gangs of bandits moved in to reclaim territory they used to run before the Americans arrived.

Some American officials argue that the operation did achieve results. Major General Thomas Montgomery, who commanded US troops in Somalia for a year, said: "Hundreds of thousands of Somalis are grateful for what we did. We saved their lives".

Had the United States not launched Operation Restore Hope in 1992, protection rackets would have continued in which the Somali militias milked aid agencies of millions of pounds and controlled the supply of food so that 350,000 died that year, although Somalia was the only Horn of Africa country to have a food surplus.

But the UN-run Operation Continue Hope, which aimed to restore some kind of order to Somalia, disarm the militias and establish a government, failed utterly. It led to the death of 30 Americans, another 44 UN soldiers and at least 2,000 Somalis, many of them women and children. General Montgomery, a Vietnam veteran, was more candid about the intervention when he said that he was "haunted" by the faces of the GIs who gave their lives for Somalia. He might justifiably ask: What did they die for? And why?

The American operation began when the militias were at their weakest and leaders such as General Muhammad Farrah Aidid and his rival, Ali Mahdi Muhammad, at their most unpopular. But anxious to avoid clashes, American forces shied away from disarming them, confining their operations to protecting themselves and relief convoys.

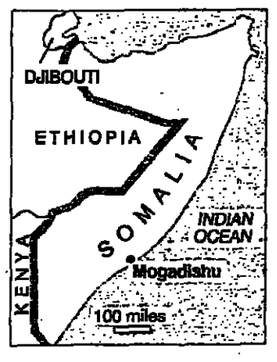
American commanders, under orders from Washington to avoid confrontations, barricaded themselves into forts where they received poor intelligence and gained a reputation for softness among the Somalis. Meanwhile, General Aidid and other warlords used the peace brought by Operation Restore Hope to rearm, recuperate and continue to fill their coffers from the protection rackets. The International Committee of the Red Cross spent $100,000 (£66,000) a week for protection in Mogadishu.

Operation Continue Hope, which began last May, was the first UN intervention in which soldiers were given a licence to kill in a peacemaking, as opposed to a peacekeeping, role. When 24 Pakistani blue helmets were murdered by General Aidid's militia last June, the new UN mandate was put to the test.

When it came to the attempt to capture General Aidid, before investigators had established his guilt in the killing of the Pakistanis, General Montgomery saw the need for reinforcements, in particular armour and tanks. His request was turned down in Washington, where the Pentagon thought that Somali bandits would be no match for highly trained American troops.

In fact, General Aidid's ragged force of about 500 gunmen effectively trounced a UN force of some 25,000 men supported by helicopter gunships and AC130 bombers, forcing a U-turn in Washington and the withdrawal of American forces.

In future, as a result of Somalia, US deployments abroad will have to meet a daunting list of requirements enshrined in the new President Decision Directive 13. Only international threats to peace in which American interests



are clearly at stake will be considered for intervention by US forces under the UN flag. The Americans will remain firmly under the command of their own officers, a proviso that could reduce orders from a non-American commander to a basis for argument rather than a call to action. Congressional pique still lingers, and could cast a pall over America's promise to send peacekeepers to Bosnia under Nato colours if a peace agreement is ever reached.

In Somalia, security is now so bad that many aid agencies have pulled out of half-a-dozen towns which are being ineffectively policed by 20,000 UN soldiers, mainly Egyptians, Pakistanis and Indians. Famine and cholera are already beginning to cause a surge in the death rate.

Yet almost nothing has been done by the UN to rebuild Somalia, except the construction of a heavily fortified camp for bureaucrats at the UN's headquarters in the former American Embassy compound.

Americans died in Somalia because of the failure of their political leaders to allow them to do the job effectively. Yet for all its mistakes, America was sincere in attempting to help. If things fall apart, the Somalis will have only themselves to blame.

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White House dogged by fresh allegations of cover-up and sexual harassment

Whitewater ensnares Clinton's closest aide

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton's most trusted aide, George Stephanopoulos, joined the growing list of those caught up in the Whitewater scandal yesterday and is facing accusations that he tried to obstruct the investigation.

Mr Stephanopoulos is accused of making telephone calls to ask about dismissing a Republican lawyer from an enquiry related to the land deal. He was joined in one of the calls by Harold Ickes, White House Deputy Chief of Staff. Mr Stephanopoulos is so close to the President, occupying the office next door to the Oval Office, that the new allegations are bound to raise the question of whether Mr Clinton himself suggested the calls.

The continued evidence of interference is a dismaying development for Mr Clinton. Only 72 hours earlier he had won favourable reviews for trying to bring the Whitewater damage under control with a prime-time news conference in which he promised candid answers and full co-operation with various enquiries under way, "so that I can go back to work doing what I was hired to do".



Jones: accuses Clinton of sexual advances

Another distraction for Washington concerns Paula Jones, a former Arkansas state employee, who six weeks ago claimed publicly that Mr Clinton harassed her with unwelcome sexual advances in a Little Rock hotel room when he was Governor of Arkansas. Her allegation, denied by the White House, was reported briefly in the main newspapers but not by *The Washington Post*. Its silence has led to speculation that the newspaper either had a new exposé about Mrs Jones or "spiked" it. Robert Kaiser, the newspaper's managing editor, said his staff continues to look into her allegations and no article on the subject has been suppressed, but the paper had an obligation to establish the truth.

Robert Fiske, the Whitewater special prosecutor, and his grand jury are considering charges that Mr Stephanopoulos tried to force the removal of Jay Stephens, the lawyer hired by the government's Resolution Trust Corporation to investigate civil claims against Madison Guaranty, the failed savings and loan institution linked to the Whitewater development.

Mr Stephanopoulos, 33, son of a Greek Orthodox priest, believed Mr Stephens had a grievance against Mr Clinton that was a clear conflict of interest. Mr Stephens had been the Justice Department's chief prosecutor for the city of Washington during the Bush-Reagan years until forced to resign by the Clinton Administration. By custom, all political appointees are removed, but Mr Stephens said his axing was to block his fraud investigation of Dan Rostenkowski, a powerful Democratic congressman.

Mr Stephanopoulos called Joshua Steiner, an old friend who is now chief of staff at the Treasury Department, and allegedly asked: "How can we get rid of Stephens?" If true, this could constitute a breach of the American code of justice which makes any attempt to "influence, obstruct or impede" administration of the law a crime punishable by up to five years in prison.

Unfortunately for the Administration, Mr Steiner is a compulsive keeper of notes, which are now in the hands of Mr Fiske. "The dumb son of a bitch kept a diary," a senior Administration official complained to *Time* magazine.

Mr Stephanopoulos made a second call on the same day, this time with Mr Ickes, to Roger Altman, Deputy Treasury Secretary, also asking if "anything could be done" about the Stephens appointment. Mr Altman says he cut his callers off quickly, saying he would not be a party to dismissing Mr Stephens.

Mr Stephanopulous, who remembers making only the call to Mr Steiner, admits he "blew off steam" over the unfairness of hiring Mr Stephens. Yesterday the White House announced its own internal enquiry into the calls, but defended the two aides.



President Clinton, with his wife Hillary and their daughter Chelsea, arriving in Dallas to act as best man at his half-brother Roger's wedding

President takes a weekend family break

Frank Murray, White House correspondent of The Washington Times, watches the President's half-brother, a former convict and drug addict, marry a hero policeman's daughter in Dallas

PRESIDENT Clinton put aside his growing troubles to act as best man at the wedding of a former convict and cocaine addict: his half-brother, Roger. In Washington, the political talk at the weekend was of Whitewater and accusations against George Stephanopolous, one of Mr Clinton's closest aides. But in Dallas the talk was of Roger Clinton, 37, and his bride Molly Martin, 25, a hero policeman's daughter and pride of Farmers Branch, Texas.

Molly wore lots of white, but her long gown did not come close to hiding her eight-month pregnancy. The President's steadying hand did not come close to calming his brother.

Following the family style, Roger was a bit late and hyperventilating when he arrived at the marquee in the botanical gardens. "I'm nervous, but I'm very excited," Roger said, his fingers wrapped round a lucky 1923 silver dollar given to him by his mother. She also picked out the wedding bands, but did not live to see the wedding attended by 400 guests.

A long and passionate kiss at the altar set off a gossipy buzz among the carefully screened crowd. Molly's father, who wore a police badge for 26 years, might have been old-fashioned enough to use the term "shotgun wedding", had he been there, but he died on Molly's 22nd birthday. The newlyweds' child could well be born before her 26th birthday on April 1.

Police Chief Darrell Fant said Officer Martin had a "great sense of humour in questionable situations" and would have enjoyed watching his daughter marry into the President's somewhat unusual extended family. But the police chief himself did not approve of a true Texan "girl next door" like Molly falling in with a guy who enjoys the wild lifestyle — as Roger often boasts — of James Dean, the late actor. Molly is a former high school homecoming princess and star of the high-kicking Kilgore Rangerettes, one of the dance teams Texans love to watch at football games.



Roger Clinton: nervous when he arrived late for wedding

Roger Clinton got his kicks from cocaine. Nowadays he jokes that he gave up coke for Pepsi. He had a near-fatal seven-grams-a-day cocaine habit when he was arrested in 1984. He has relapsed a few times since being paroled from prison, brags of driving at 120 mph, drinks like there is no tomorrow and has had relationships with many women. But he says he is off drugs now, if not alcohol.

Roger and Molly said they will call the baby Cassidy. Roger's mother's maiden name before her marriage to the President's father, William Blythe. She remarried four more times and was Virginia Kelley when she died in January from breast cancer.

Molly and Roger met at an Arkansas horse-racing track and went on their first date in January last year, a week after his brother became President. Later she moved in with Roger and his silver Dodge Stealth sports car in Redondo Beach, California.

Murder in Mexico stirs conspiracy fears

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MEXICO CITY

FOUR days after the assassination of Mexico's leading presidential candidate, Luis Donaldo Colosio, confusion and inconsistencies surrounding the circumstances of his death in the border town of Tijuana have led many Mexicans to wonder if they are witnessing a home-grown version of the Kennedy conspiracy.

The alleged lone assassin, Mario Aburto, aged 23 and a mechanic, is behind bars and by latest accounts still alive after confessing to the crime. But his story, the little of it that has emerged, resembles closely the case of Lee Harvey Oswald before his taking aim at JFK. Questions hang over the two bullet wounds suffered by Señor Colosio to the head and stomach.

According to a cardiologist at the hospital where he died, the two bullets were of different calibres, suggesting that two guns were used. As in the Kennedy assassination, video footage of the shooting is inconclusive. A gun can be seen raised to the candidate's head, but the film does not record the shots being fired. Tapes have apparently since been confiscated.

More mysterious is the statement by Colosio's chief bodyguard, Major Germán Castillo, that there were unfamiliar faces in his security team that day. "There were strange people in the team, strange because I didn't know them," he said. Apparently the men had been contracted by Colosio's party, the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI), to provide extra protection. One of them, Police Officer Vicente Mayoral, was arrested as a suspect immediately after the shooting.

Mexicans from all walks of life, from hotel waiters to historians and politicians, doubt the official story that Señor Aburto was a deranged fanatic acting alone. Theories include plots by drug traffickers and political opponents, and by rivals within the ruling PRI. "He was put up to it. Someone sent him. There's no doubt people helped him," Angélica Martínez, the alleged assassin's aunt, said.

"It was an execution," said Porfirio Muñoz Ledo, a senator and president of the opposition Revolutionary Democratic Party (PRD). "He prepared it for a long time and he acted coolly. It lacked the passion of an ideological crime. He was a *sicario*," he added, using the Spanish word for a professional killer. Other members of the PRD closely involved in the murder investigation echo this view. "He had training. He had support to get close enough to assassinate Colosio," said Alejandro Encinas, one of a six-member parliamentary commission sent to Tijuana.

"This man is not crazy or mentally deranged," said José Pérez Canchola, the Tijuana human rights ombudsman who attended a police interrogation of Señor Aburto. "He is a man with absolute control of his nerves and very sane in his way of thinking. He spoke very firmly. He seemed to me to be a man who was psychologically prepared for what he did and to confront the consequences."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Turkey's leaders await poll verdict

Istanbul: Turkish voters turned out in force yesterday for nationwide local elections, which the government and opposition have been treating as a vote of confidence in the ruling coalition (Andrew Finkel writes).

Voting was marred by violence and the absence of the only legal Kurdish-based party, the Democracy Party, which pulled out because of the detention of its candidates. A fragmentation bomb exploded in the garden of Istanbul's former Byzantine cathedral of Hagia Sophia, now a museum, wounding three European tourists.

The government is trying to portray itself as being tough on terrorism. In its main advertisement, Tansu Ciller, the Prime Minister, is seen wearing a flak-jacket used on a recent trip to Bosnia, boasting of her government's success in beating back Kurdish separatist violence.

Woman elected

Sydney: Bronwyn Bishop, a former solicitor who is seen as a possible leader of Australia's opposition Liberal Party, won a by-election for a Sydney seat. Carmen Lawrence, the Labor Party's leading woman, was given a Cabinet post last week. *(AFP)*

Colonel freed

Caracas: Lieutenant Colonel Hugo Chávez, who led a coup attempt against against President Pérez in 1992 has been released after 26 months in prison. He insisted on staying in jail until charges against other rebels were dropped. *(AP)*

Consul expelled

Tehran: Iran ordered Arnold Lowndi, the Norwegian consul, to leave by April 4 for "acts incompatible with diplomatic norms". The move follows the expulsion of Muhammad Movahed, the Iranian consul in Oslo. *(Reuter)*

Islanders vote

Cook Islands: Voters on these South Pacific islands re-elected Sir Geoffrey Henry as Prime Minister. They opted to retain their flag, featuring the Union Jack, and rejected a plan to give the country a Maori name. (AP)

Police wrangle

Los Angeles: The largest police union has begun a billboard campaign showing the dangers of life here in support of demands for a pay rise. City officials responded by withdrawing an offer of 6 per cent over two years. *(AFP)*

Drink venture

Tashkent: A Coca-Cola joint venture started operation in Uzbekistan to produce and sell an initial 2.2 million gallons of soft drinks annually. A spokesman said it marked the start of a push in the former Soviet republic. *(Reuter)*

Girl charged

Wood Dale, Illinois: An 11-year-old girl has been charged here with taking cocaine to her school and allegedly sharing it with six friends. All seven were suspended from the school. *(AP)*

Leading man

Zurich: Andre Weiss, 28, has been chosen as the first "Mr Switzerland". He was judged the most handsome man of 12 finalists from 200 entrants aged between 18 and 46 competing in a gala beauty contest *(AFP)*

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Buthelezi gives hope for curb on violence

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG AND R.W. JOHNSON IN DURBAN

FOUR hours of talks between President de Klerk and Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi raised cautious hopes yesterday that the Inkatha Freedom Party leader may co-operate with efforts to minimise violence in next month's election.

However, Mr de Klerk said after their meeting on Saturday in Durban that "the volatility on the ground will be difficult for anyone to control". More than 110 people died in political violence in the Natal-KwaZulu region last week and many rural Inkatha-supporting chiefs are reported to be opposing any election activity in their areas.

Thousands of armed Inkatha supporters occupied a stadium near Vryheid in



northern Natal yesterday, preventing the ANC from holding a rally there. It was the third time this tactic has been used in the past two weeks. The rally was to have been addressed by Jacob Zuma, the ANC's Natal leader, whose family home nearby at Inkandla, in which he has not lived for several years, was set on fire in an attack earlier in the day.

Cyril Ramaphosa, the ANC Secretary-General, said in Cape Town yesterday that the ANC would step up its programme of "rolling mass action" to obtain free political activity in Natal. Earlier, Mr de Klerk and Chief Buthelezi issued a statement that they had agreed to establish a joint mechanism involving the KwaZulu government and the Independent Electoral Commission that would seek solutions "to the problems relating to holding elections".

A survey published by the non-partisan Institute for Multi-Party Democracy shows how the boycott called by Inkatha and elements of the white right will guarantee the ANC the two-thirds majority which, by enabling it to write its own constitution, will overrun the compromise deal painstakingly negotiated by Mr de Klerk.

The poll, carried out by the Human Sciences Research Council, adjusts results in the light of voters' intentions, and then redistributes Inkatha support in line with the preferences of Inkatha voters. This gives the ANC 72 per cent of votes, Mr de Klerk's National Party 19.2 per cent, Constand Viljoen's right-wing Freedom Front 5.3 per cent, the liberal Democratic Party 1.8 per cent and the Pan Africanist Congresss 1.4 per cent. The Nationalists' position as the only serious, if distant, rivals to the ANC is shakier than it looks, for it depends heavily on the way the Coloureds and Indians are polarised against the ANC as the campaign progresses. These minorites are timorous and many, particularly women, will not vote.

The poll suggests that community pressures and intimidation will mean that many voters will cast a ballot which is less than fully "free and fair". Twenty-eight per cent of blacks believed that "the community will know how I vote", and another 18 per cent were unsure, leaving only 51 per cent confident of ballot secrecy. Such beliefs were most pronounced in the Xhosa areas of greatest ANC strength.

☐ **Connolly theft:** A truck hauling equipment for a tour of South Africa by Billy Connolly, the comedian, was stolen in Durban. *(AP)*

'I have a key to the armoury, we will take weapons without a shot fired'



The Boerkommando trains every night in Piet Retief and gun practice starts very early for the son of Jan, the police veteran (Photograph: Simon Walker)

Neo-Nazis prepare to fight ANC 'Antichrist'

*On the fifth leg of his South African odyssey, **Sam Kiley** in Piet Retief, Eastern Transvaal, ventures into the stronghold of the belligerent far right*

WALKING into the bar of the Imperial Hotel in Piet Retief makes a stranger feel like a black man stumbling into a Ku Klux Klan gathering. Heavily built Afrikaners turn their heads to stare with incredulity at the nerve of the *uitlander*. Their fists clench into fleshy clubs as they swivel slowly on their bar stools and the nervous newcomer makes for the relative safety of the *braai* (barbecue) area outside.

Strange, then, that an attempt to buy a couple of Lion lagers is blocked by a tall, thin man wearing steel-rimmed spectacles. "These are on me," he intervenes. Within minutes he warms up and says that he is an engineer who recently set up his own business and one of the Afrikaner Resistance Movement's (AWB) senior officers in the Eastern Transvaal's Wenkommando.

The neo-Nazi AWB, led by Eugene Terre'Blanche, has refused to enter South Africa's mainstream political life before next month's elections and vowed to "fight to the death" for an Afrikaner *Volkstaat* (homeland).

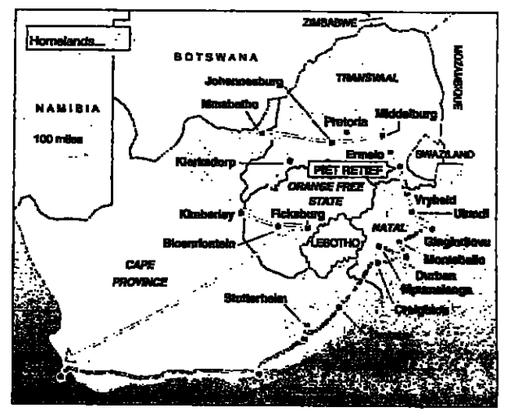
The Wenkommando officer, who asked to remain anonymous, explains: "You have a pint of beer. All I am asking for is a *bietjie* (little) sip. Just a little bit of the country for ourselves." The size of the sip the far-right Afrikaners want to take varies. The less militant Afrikaner Volksfront wants a crescent of land arching south from Pretoria. The AWB demands much of the Transvaal and part of the Orange Free State. The ultra-right-wing Resistance Against Communism wants to see the return of the Boer republics of the Transvaal and Free State, first established in 1852 and 1854 but which vanished in 1902 with a British win in the Boer war.

Whatever the boundaries of the Volkstaat may be, the 700 AWB members in Piet Retief, close to the Swaziland border, have advanced plans to ensure the rural farming town they considers theirs is inside the Volkstaat's borders. Piet Retief has been an area where the rights of the white farmer came above all others. Ten years ago three policemen were fined and transferred for killing a suspected stock thief aged 68 by wiring his genitals to a field telephone. A few months ago a white farmer's son beat a tenant to death because he resisted eviction from the land he had rented. The African National Congress lives in terror in the small "location" where the town's black population lives. At least six senior officials have been murdered.

So deep is the distrust of the police among black people that one of the alleged assassins is being held by the ANC in a secret location until after the elections. The Wenkommando (Win Commando) leader explains his plans. "Soon after the elections, probably on May 1, this commando will take over 200 towns in the Eastern Transvaal. The (white) police are on our side and in this town several senior officers are members of the AWB. The area has already been declared part of the Volkstaat [posters and banners all over the town reinforce the claim]. We will have no problem from the South African Defence Force. There are only 200 men in the local barracks. I have a key to the armoury. We will take the weapons without a shot being fired." He said the generals have told them where the keys to the tanks are kept.

Nelson Mandela, the ANC president, has said he would not hesitate to send tanks against the Boerkommandos if he were President. Colonel Leonard Knipe, head of the violent crime unit in Cape Town, also takes the far right seriously. "They have a lot of skilled men. Every white male in the country has had military training and many of them have seen action in Angola."

In Piet Retief, the AWB trains every night. It has been through field manoeuvres and has now moved on to house clearance and hostage rescue. Much of the training is in the hands of a serving police sergeant, "Jan", who claims to have killed 260 people during the South African occupation of Namibia. "He's a very nice guy, a gentle and loving farmer. But he knows that he must defend the Volk against Antichrist (the ANC)."



Seoul businessmen fear Chinese trade backlash

BY BRUCE CHEESMAN IN SEOUL AND JAMES PRINGLE

IT IS unlikely that China will be able to offer much reassurance today to President Kim Young Sam of South Korea in the crisis over North Korea's nuclear capacity. Chinese leaders will advise Seoul to be patient and avoid actions that might drive the Pyongyang regime into a corner.

At the same time, South Korea's leading businessmen fear President Kim's tough new line against North Korea could lead to a trade backlash from China, Pyongyang's last ally. President Kim, who is on a five-day visit to China, meets President Jiang Zemin today to enlist Peking's support in forcing North Korea to provide full details of its alleged nuclear weapons programme.

With two-way trade spiralling to $11 billion (£7 billion) last year and expected to be worth $20 billion by the end of the decade, Seoul businessmen with the presidential entourage worry that any attempt to play tough will damage economic ties.

China is a key player in any settlement of the nuclear issue, which has led the Americans to talk of stationing Patriot missiles in the South. "China's role as North Korea's only ally and as a neighbour is crucial," one envoy said. However, the Chinese know that their own influence with North Korea's "Great Leader" Kim Il Sung, and his more worrying son, Kim Jong Il, has its limits. After China established diplomatic ties with Seoul in 1992, North Korea almost broke off relations. China has indicated at the United Nations that, while it would back a moderate "statement" on the crisis by the Security Council, it would not welcome any resolution or any wide council discussion over North Korea's refusal to permit detailed inspections of its nuclear facilities.

President Kim, who arrived here last night from Shanghai, where his visit began on Saturday after talks with Japanese leaders, will ask President Jiang today and Li Peng, the Prime Minister, tomorrow to intercede with the North in the search for a peaceful solution to the nuclear deadlock.

Fresh from a successful trip to Tokyo, where Morihiro Hosokawa, the Japanese Prime Minister pledged his support to economic sanctions against North Korea, Mr Kim will get a chilly reception from the Chinese in his calls for more pressure on Pyongyang.

Korean businessmen are only too aware of China's dislike of being crossed on what it considers to be its internal affairs. Seoul has closely followed deteriorating trade ties between China and Britain.

China has become an obsession for Seoul's conglomerates, with total investment increasing by $600 million last year to more than $1 billion since full diplomatic ties were established in 1992.



Kim Young Sam: few prospects in Peking

Algerians kill more militants

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

ALGERIAN security forces claim to have killed 52 suspected Muslim militants and arrested 36 in various parts of the country during the three days ending on Friday, according to the official news agency APS. The latest figures brought to more than 300 the number killed by security forces since March 10 when 900 suspected activists escaped from the Tazoult top-security fortress prison near Batna in the east.

The agency said a man shot dead near a cemetery in Kouba was a fugitive from Tazoult who had been jailed for life. One of those arrested was serving a 20-year jail sentence in the same prison.

Eight gunmen killed on Thursday in Chlef when police intercepted their van were apparently members of the Armed Islamic Group (GIA) which has threatened to kill journalists, foreigners and anyone who supports the army-backed government.

President Zeroual wants to include the banned Islamic Salvation Front in a dialogue started last week to try to rescue the nation from a cycle of violence that has cost thousands of lives.

Songbirds serenade Peking ritual

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN PEKING

The dawn chorus began promptly at 6.30 am as the doors of Ritan Park, in the diplomatic area of Peking, swung open yesterday and hundreds of Chinese swarmed in, clambering up tree-covered hillocks to the highest points.

There they began clearing their lungs with ear-shattering shouts of "Ahoy!" These bellows are said to be therapeutic, at least for those doing the yelling.

In the morning chill other groups of warmly-clad citizens began going through the shadow-boxing exercises of tai chi chuan, a kind of ballet in slow motion that is said to be of physical and mental benefit to participants.

As the red sun slowly rose through the haze — "Chairman Mao getting out of bed," as bolder denizens of Peking used to joke — the oldest inhabitants of the changing Chinese capital began arriving, carrying birdcages covered with cloths. One ancient citizen, barely mobile but game, pushed his birdcage in a bamboo baby carriage.

The elderly men hooked the cages to tree branches, took off the covers and the mynah birds and other multi-hued songsters began their warbling. "For many years we were not allowed to do this," said one man, aged 70. "Who could object to a songbird?"

Mao did. Like stamp collecting, card playing, mah-jong, ballroom dancing, traditional opera and most forms of light entertainment, keeping birds was banned during the Cultural Revolution. The park in early morning is a time warp, a vision of an older Chinese society, contrasting with the burgeoning capital outside. At the Altar of the Sun, where Chinese emperors came annually to pay tribute, the sounds of Latin American music reverberated. About 30 couples of all ages, with some of the men in well-tailored suits, danced open-air tangos to taped music even though it was not yet 7 am.

Nearby, to disco music, another two dozen citizens, male and female, young and old, were doing aerobics. There is no objection to foreigners unobtrusively taking part in the daily ritual. A party of 20 track-suited Finnish tourists more obtrusively joined tai chi chuan yesterday.

In a small circular gazebo, a Chinese couple were waltzing alone, as if they were the last people in the world. Elsewhere Chinese whirled in an ancient sword exercise.

At 8 am the business of the booming capital gets under way. The older citizens amble home to look after their single grandchild as sons and daughters head for work.



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A double room with couplets

An anthology of poetry challenges the Gideon in American motels

TRAPPED one night in the wastes of East Dallas in Texas, you wind up in an economy roadside motel — the $27-a-night Exel Inn. You sit on the bed in your Identikit boxlike room and channel-graze the television for a while, but you can find only home shopping programmes or nylon-shirted televangelists. Even starting on a six-pack of Bud(weiser) can barely alleviate the hollow dreariness. You resort to opening the bedside drawer, and on top of the ubiquitous Gideon Bible, you find *Six American Poets* — an anthology. Truck driver or professor, you cannot believe your luck. In the place where you least expected, civilisation — and entertainment — has come to you.



KATE MUIR

Hotel guests across America are so delighted by the paperback anthology, including Walt Whitman, Emily Dickinson, Robert Frost, Langston Hughes, Wallace Stevens and William Carlos Williams, that they are stealing it along with the free miniature soaps. The manager of the Exel Inn notes dryly that he has never had anyone walk off with the Gideon Bible.

The invasion of the poets is the result of a curious collaboration between a young graduate in English and the winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature, Joseph Brodsky. Brodsky put forward a notion that there should be a volume of poetry "in every room in every motel in the land". Andrew Carroll, a 24-year-old former student of Columbia University, came across the speech, decided to put the idea into action and persuaded publishers and individuals to donate money and books. So far, infiltration is in the tens of thousands, but eventually no bedside table will be safe.

In his Nobel address, after he won in 1987, Brodsky talked of his desire to bring poetry to the punters: "It is only if we have resolved that it is time for Homo sapiens to come to a halt in his development that literature should speak the language of the street. Otherwise it is the people who should speak the language of literature."

He felt that dividing society into the intelligentsia and "all the rest" was ridiculous, since everyone who can speak and read can rapidly develop very specific tastes for certain poets. Brodsky pointed out that in his native Russia, those who knew they were being deprived of some of the world's best poetry treated what literature they had with "moral seriousness". Communist Russia may have committed crimes against literature, but one of the greatest crimes was going on in America — the neglect of books. "For that crime, a person pays with his whole life; if the offender is a nation, it pays with its history."

Brodsky and Mr Carroll set up the American Poetry and Literacy Project, and expanded their aim to include hospitals and schools. They wanted a book which would be acceptable to a wide range of people, without being anodyne.

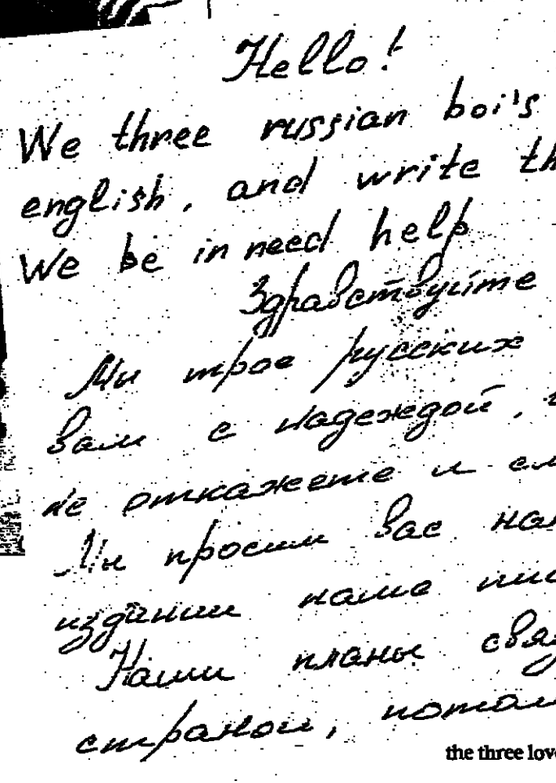
COLLABORATING with Brigitte Weeks, former editor-in-chief at the Book-of-the-Month Club, they selected *Six American Poets*, an anthology chosen by Joel Conarroe, who writes a short, rather personal, introduction to each poet. Appropriately for coast-to-coast distribution, two poets are gay, one is black, and one is a woman.

Whitman would have approved of his work becoming a motel service, along with free shampoo: "No one will ever get at my verses who insists upon viewing them as a literary performance," he once said.

A plea from the heart by three boys from Russia's bleak northern wastes

Loveless in a cold climate





The flower of Krasnoyarsk: above left, the three lovelorn Russians and, above, their plaintive appeal

Lodged among the post that landed on my desk a few months ago was a dog-eared missive which the postmark showed had been underway for eight weeks from Krasnoyarsk, Siberia. What the Russian post lacked in speed, however, it had made up for in efficiency in tracking down the correct recipient from the address: "The Lady Chief, The Times, Moscow."

"We three russian boi's," it began plantively, "We no speaks english, and write the russian. We be in need help." Begging letters are not unusual in Russia and in my time I have been asked to provide tourist visas, four-figure loans, secure places at university and, in one case, find an errant husband who was reported to be living on a council estate in Glasgow. My heart has long hardened to such pleas, and the letters usually land in the bin without undue reflection.

But Sergei, Nikolai and Evgeni stared out so miserably in their tracksuits from the photo they had enclosed that I could not bear to discard them. Sergei was 20 years old, he informed me, 184 centimetres tall and weighed 80 kilos. He neither drank nor smoked, making him a rare jewel among Russian men. A commerce student at the technical college in Krasnoyarsk, he played football in a team called the Siberian Devils and wanted to find a British wife. "Because we are sure that there are no ugly women in Britain. All women can stay beautiful if they are loved and protected."

In return for pledging eternal affection, Sergei wanted to move to Britain and open a restaurant. He had seen a reprinted article of mine with a picture of my "kind face" in a local newspaper. Maybe I could help . . .

His fellow students Nikolai, (182 centimetres, 78 kilos) and Evgeni, (183 centimentres, 80 kilos) also felt that they could offer the tender loving care a Western woman craves. They promised to be abstemious and houseproud. "If not yourself," they concluded forthrightly, "then a friend or anyone."

What, you may ask, is so bad about Krasnoyarsk that the flower of its manhood wants to sell itself into marital slavery with me, my friend or anyone in Britain, to get out? The boys had given no telephone number (most provincial households do not have them), so the only way to find out was to take the 1,500-mile trip myself to find out.

"The Prospekt of Metalworkers, number 55b," I instructed the taxi-driver. "Doesn't mean a thing to me," he shrugged. "That street goes on for ten kilometres and it was built during the stagnation period, so all the numbers are wrong. They ran out of even ones to put on the signs." We agreed a flat fare for a three-hour odyssey and set off through the industrial heartland of Siberia, its oil refinery chimneys and gas works thoughtfully threaded through the residential areas.



ANNE McELVOY

Number 55b turned out to be a student hostel, corridor upon corridor smelling of urine and boiled cabbage. Out of the door which should have been Sergei's peered an exhausted young women with screaming baby in her arms. "He's gone," she said. "Off to live in a micro-region. Has he inherited something?"

The micro-region turned out to be 30 kilometres away and looked even more like the other side of the moon. "It's lawless out here," the taxi driver said. "They'll lynch you for your boots and then they'll beat me up."

Alley of Cosmonauts 237c was Sergei's new home but by now it was mid-afternoon and he wasn't in it. "They're all out," said the inevitable nosey neighbour. "His mum's called Ludmilla. She works in the army canteen down the road."

I trudged into a room full of soldiers eating their unappetising rations and asked for Ludmilla. A harassed middle-aged woman with dyed blonde hair emerged from behind a vat of beetroot soup. "I'm looking for Sergei . . ." I said. "Oh God, what's he done?" she wailed, as mothers do.

It took half an hour and two cognacs to persuade her that her son's writing to a British newspaper was not a crime. "All right then," she said, "you'd better come to tea." She was unenthusiastic on her boy's behalf: "Just about make a husband for a Russian girl but I can't imagine what a Westerner would see in him."

Sergei turned up an hour later, changed into his best tracksuit and smelling of eau-de-Cologne and motorbike oil. "Well, why shouldn't they want Russian husbands in Britain?" he protested to his scoffing mum. "Maybe they have a demographic problem or something." He had got the idea for the letter after watching a TV documentary about an agency supplying Russian women to German businessmen. "But women here are honest and hardworking and the men are layabout scruffs," countered mum.

Sergei's ideas about the West turned out to be the product of watching soap-operas and reversing the propaganda taught to him at school. "Anybody who wants can be a businessman there. I've heard that the Government gives you the capital."

The words unemployment, collateral, competition and failure meant nothing to him. "We can't open a restaurant here because of the mafia. But in Britain there are no gangsters." "And you can't cook," said his mother. "I can do dumplings," protested Sergei. "And I'll learn a few more dishes before I place a proper advert." He looked at his watch, smiled sorrowfully at me and concluded: "I'm afraid you're too old for me. Russian men like to have younger wives. Do you have a sister?"

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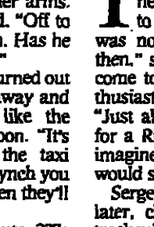
A subterranean world where Mother Superior can be a top gun

Shooting your mum is fun

For the old lag, there is great sadistic pleasure in watching chic young couples lurch into parenthood. The best bit is when their taste starts to crumble. They start out with the smartest Italian babyclothes, the least offensive highchairs, the most educational rattles and solid wood train sets. They take their toddlers to Suzuki violin and French Club, and go ape if the Nanny switches on the television.

And then, one Boxing Day, your eye falls on their real Christmas tree with its Liberty tartan bows and chaste silver-and-red theme. Underneath it, in a drift of restrainedly elegant wrapping-paper, is a My Little Pony Dream Castle, complete with naff plastic horse wearing a wedding-dress and veil. And their eye fails to meet yours, and they mutter: "Well . . . Freya did beg and beg." At which moment you know that within a few years their smart grown-up house will be a maze of World Wrestling Federation punch-bags, supersoakers, rubber boglins, and pictures of Guns 'n' Roses with biro hearts drawn all over them.

You also know that you will meet them, one of these chilly indoor Easter holidays, creeping around in smoke and disco music, wearing a military backpack and clutching an infra-red gun as they stalk their offspring in an extraordinary habitat called LaserQuest or PhaserForce or BattleRay. Our family has just reached the stage when they yearn for such teenage amusements, but are not old or streetwise enough to be loosed into them with a fiver while mummy and daddy find a nice tea-shop which plays Classic FM. You have to go with them. Myself, I love it, peering into the life of an alien tribe. It feels a bit like being David Attenborough welcomed by a family of gorillas. Provided nothing seems positively dangerous, you can hover on the fringes, making sure to get things wrong so they can laugh at you. "Goodness, darling! There's a tape by your favourite, what's he called, Meat-Pie?"



LIBBY PURVES

This Easter, no doubt, the treat for ours and millions of others will be one of these "laser battle environments" which have sprung up in redundant corner-shops in every British city. You creep around in the gloom, wearing an electronic pack and shooting "lasers" of infra-red at the light on other people's packs. A computer registers the score. The whole experience is riveting.

What happens is this. Having discovered the existence of this dive by bush telegraph, your children drag you there. They seem impervious to the contrived seediness of the place: the Berlin-Wall graffiti on raw concrete, the posters advertising Ladies' Kick-Boxing classes, and the huge cutout of a thug with a gun saying "Yo! Time to get some respect!" You flinch a middle-class flinch, just as you did over the Little Ponies years ago: the earringed lad on the desk shepherds you in. "Roight! Line up by the rack — put the pack over your shoulders — fix the clip — gun out of the holster. Now . . ." The youth surveys his platoon of teenagers, children, and embarrassed adults in the gloom: "The rules is: NO running — NO physical contact — NO shouting. Anyone breaks the rules, I take you out and shoot at you continuously for three minutes. OK?"

He then takes a roll-call of your battle names. "Viper, Venom, Sniper, Jet, Acidhead". I opted to be "Fluffy", and my friend Caroline, a gentle convent-bred blonde mother of four, to be "Mother Superior".

In the labyrinth of dead-ends, ragged sniper-holes, camouflage netting, billowing smoke and threatening doomsday music, the children plunge into a Terminator fantasy, and you go "Tut, tut — culturally debased — terrible, really". Until you feel the buzzing vibration which means you have been hit. You whirl round to see a disappearing red light and hear a cackle of "Gotcha, Mummy!" hanging on the air.

Bzzzz — another hit. And down comes the red mist: you stalk, you shoot, you snipe, you creep, you fire wildly at anything that moves. Sometimes a savage-looking teenager treads on your foot and says "Whoops, sorry Miss", rather spoiling the effect. So you shoot him.

Twenty minutes later, computer magic prints out your score. Mine was minus 211. I was hit six times by my son, five times by Acidhead (a huge 14-year-old), and (I am sorry to report) 15 times by Mother Superior. She came second overall. The entire experience, we agreed, is morally bankrupt, violent, mindless, and a threat to civilised values. "Oh I did enjoy that," she said. "Do let's come again."

We will, I suppose. For as long as we are welcome.

An army of Peter O'Toole lookalikes comes sauntering out of the sun as menswear decides that Moor is better

Arabian knights, desert princes

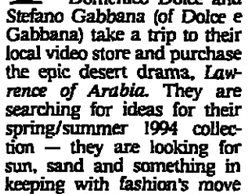


BYBLOS: layered, neutral stripes and shirts left hanging loose — DOLCE e GABBANA: sun-bleached cotton and linen — PAUL SMITH: softly, softly in ecru shirts and suits — ARMANI: master of the relaxed silhouette, now bowing to Mecca

Picture the scene: in the darkest days of winter fashion designers Domenico Dolce and Stefano Gabbana (of Dolce e Gabbana) take a trip to their local video store and purchase the epic desert drama, *Lawrence of Arabia*. They are searching for ideas for their spring/summer 1994 collection — they are looking for sun, sand and something in keeping with fashion's move toward all-things-ethnic. As they watch the screen, they scribble notes in their sketch pads: cream, flowing fabric, collarless shirts, layers.

Of course, it's only a guess that this is what happened, but looking at their menswear for spring/summer 1994, it is hard to believe it didn't. Dolce e Gabbana summed up in their show the most dynamic mood swing for menswear this season. They took a softer approach, offering an easier, slouchier silhouette. A look which heralds a much more casual way for men to dress.

Naturally, the collection of Dolce e Gabbana takes the look to the extreme. Their catwalk in Milan was filled with Peter O'Toole lookalikes, sun-bleached blonds draped in crumpled layers of sun-bleached cotton and linen. The designers' choice of accessories emphasised the point. Tasseled scarves wrapped around the neck, while others, embroidered with metallic thread, were draped over shoulders. Shawls were worn as sarong skirts.



Fashion

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However, beneath the fuss and nonsense were terrifically inspired clothes which are the template for this summer's wardrobe. Oversized, loose-knit sweaters in cream, white and ecru, worn over drawstring pyjama-stripe trousers. A perfectly acceptable option for weekends at home, or holidaying in hot countries. Fine gauze shirts (with and without collars) worn over white vests, layered with one or even two waistcoats, which fastened with mismatched buttons. Ribbed "granddad" shirts in the softest sweatshirting and jersey, kaftan-style tunics, and baggy Indian-look trousers.

Even the suits, and there were suits cut in milky linen, were unstructured, and often unlined — a method which designers at every level and price range are using to soften the silhouette.

The master of the relaxed silhouette is Giorgio Armani, who redefined the shape of men's suits in the late 1970s. Armani has been responsible for taking men out of the hard-edged three-piece suit, by offering a positively fluid option. This season he, too, looked in the direction of Mecca — highlighting his familiar forms with collarless shirts with long, loose flapping tails, jacket lapels with a waterfall drape, jackets which button to the neck of a Nehru collar.

Menswear designers across the board offer the ethnic, eco-friendly theme. Krizia put neutral knits under jackets instead of the expected shirt. When they did feature shirts, they, too, were worn without collars, and with waistcoats. Krizia did slip a few male models into sarongs, but mostly they wore baggy drawstring trousers or a fatigue-style trouser — apparently inspired by Stormin' Norman and his Desert Storm campaign.

Valentino showed large, roomy shirts with patch pockets, under jackets with none. Byblos layered neutral stripes (similar to the ticking fabric normally used to upholster furniture), rolled trousers above the ankle, and left shirts hanging out, or did away with them entirely.

Rough knits, fraying at the edges, were shown by Paul Smith, although the designer also offered more acceptable soft-collared ecru shirts to be worn under his ecru suits.

Away from the theatrics on the international catwalks you will find plenty of bazaar looks to choose from on the high street. The image has already filtered through. Principles, French Connection and Top-Man each have a version of the unstructured linen suit, as well as ethnic-inspired knitwear. Burton have splendid linen jackets and shirts, Next and Fenn Wright and Manson offer a whole range of neutral knits, and Marks & Spencer have the best collarless linen shirts in a variety of shades — choose white, ecru or dark, muddy brown.

At its most basic, this summer's wardrobe is all about naturals — colours and fabrics. Choose from a palette of subdued hues — ivory, cream, ecru, sand, oatmeal, earthy browns and burnt sienna. Fabrics echo the shift away from a strict outline. Crumpled linen is the big favourite. Cotton and rag knits, muslin, cheesecloth, raw silk and cotton jersey add to the effect.

Fashion has little respect for culture or creed. The attention of the designers may be on the East, but the look is rarely reproduced faithfully. They merrily mix and marry images together at whim in an effort to make something look brand new. They plunder and steal, just like Ali Baba and his forty thieves.

● THIS season sees the return of the Alice band. Previously the essential accessory of young Sloanes, the band was seen holding hair back at the spring-summer runway shows of Helmut Lang and Calvin Klein, albeit in steel wire, and again gracing the pages of March's English *Vogue*: a black band worn high on the head with hair pulled tight. Fashion gurus favour hair with or without the Alice band, worn scraped back and tied or gripped into place for simple, understated elegance.

● CAVENAGH, the traditional English shirt makers, have made shopping for shirts easier by introducing a mail-order catalogue service. The shirts, for men and women, are available in a wide variety of colours and cloths to suit every occassion and feature removable collar-bones, two-piece collars and split outer yokes. Prices start from £25 for women's shirts and £28 for men's. Armchair shoppers can also choose from a well-chosen selection of accessories. Cavanagh Shirts, 659 Fulham Road, SW6: mail order, 071-610 3004.

● CONTINUING its campaign against "disorderly dressing", the International Best Dressed Committee has announced its annual list of the world's best-dressed men and women. Organised by the American public relations supremo, Eleanor Lambert, the list features people largely from American society, fashion, royalty and the arts. The names that made it include actress Sharon Stone, opera diva Jessye Norman, fashion designer Liza Bruce, novelist Martin Amis and style editor Hamish Bowles. Citing personal style and "being ahead of the rest" as ingredients for a placing, Ms Lambert said we were "at the dawn of the next era of elegance".

● LONDON'S social season starts on April 12, with the annual NSPCC Berkeley Dress Show. Traditionally the show, in its 42nd year, is the first event of the season for the new crop of debutantes and an opportunity for the NSPCC to raise much needed funds. Twenty pretty young things will model fashion from Harrods designer rooms at The Berkeley Hotel, SW1. Tickets are priced at £45 (071-336 7758).

● FENWICK of Bond Street, W1, have re-developed their lower ground floor, devoting the entire space to menswear. New labels include Paul Smith, Nicole Farhi and Kenzo.

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ABOVE: Jacket, £195, Sergio Girombelli. Waistcoat, £65, French Connection, 55- 56 Long Acre, Covent Garden, WC2; (071 580 2507). Shirt, £95, Paul Smith, 40-44 Floral St, WC2

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■ Alderman Roberts could be the saviour of the Government, if only it will listen to Grantham's alternative voice

Here comes a recommendation which runs against the grain of my whole ideological creed. It is not, however, counter to the instincts of the British people. It could be just what John Major needs. I propose he create the post of Secretary of State for National Pride.

. . . But first things first: to the beginning of the world: to Grantham.

Everyone knows how great an influence over Margaret Thatcher was her father; and how beloved his memory is to her. Yet what made her ideas remarkable can be traced to a sharp difference in the two individuals' philosophies: her departure from *his* personal creed.

At this creed I cannot pretend to do more than guess. Hugo Young, in *One Of Us*, makes a convincing stab at it. Alderman Roberts emerges as exemplifying civic pride in the best, old-fashioned sense of the term. He was proud of his aldermanic robes. He was not a modern, devil-take-the-hindmost Tory. He would have believed in public works. Though he taught the virtues of thrift, nothing suggests a man instinctively hostile to solid municipal provision. I never think of Alderman Roberts, for instance, as a natural opponent of public libraries, parks, gardens or statues; or civic architecture on a scale and at a cost befitting civic dignitaries. He was not untypical in this. These used to be thoroughly Conservative characteristics.

His daughter's impatience with this side of life, her hostility to the expression of national pride through costly, state-funded symbols, is legendary. What you might call "the strutting state" was offensive to her. She was instinctively sceptical of all collective solutions to human needs, never more so than when these were what she would call "ornamental" rather than useful things.

I think we badly needed her instincts. I share them. But I cannot help noticing that many of my countrymen have more in common with her father. Alderman Roberts would be alarmed at the appropriation by the left of the civic virtues which Tories used to cherish. The Labour Party is cornering the market in nostalgia and making a fair bid for patriotism too. There is an electoral cost for the Conservative Party in this. It is time for Mr Major to regain the initiative.

My Tory Secretary of State for National Pride would be charged by the PM with the task of consulting widely and publicly and drawing up a list of affordable initiatives for which funding, or legislation, would be forthcoming.

Here are the front runners among my own proposals. They might not be *my* cup of tea, but that is not the point.

☐ *All* London buses would be required to stay red.

☐ BT would be required to furnish every town and village with at least one prominent red telephone box.

☐ The north pier at Blackpool would be handsomely refurbished, the west pier at Brighton rescued.

☐ The Home Secretary would stop the shift away from proper policemen's helmets.

☐ The black, cast-iron sculpted flambeaux would be returned to the tops of London traffic lights.

☐ A proper square, with fountains, of which Manchester could be proud, would be created in Piccadilly Square, and the Europa Hotel knocked down.

☐ Sheffield would be assisted with its new tramway scheme.

☐ EU agricultural "set-aside" money would be diverted into the creation of an immense national forest (plans exist already) in the East Midlands, based on Sherwood.

> 'The Flying Scotsman will be pressed into a steam service on the Channel link'

☐ A Millennial Parks and Garden scheme would be launched. Government would match privately collected funds for the purchase of ugly or derelict sites near urban centres, to be transformed into parks. The aim would be to create 2001 new green spaces by the year 2001. Public funds would match every pound raised privately with two pounds and one penny. This would echo the successful scheme to commemmorate the victory at Trafalgar with "Trafalgar churches".

☐ It is time for some prominent statues of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. Admittedly the tulle duster coat and petal hats will be hard to render in bronze, but the challenge will be good for our sculptors.

☐ The Flying Scotsman will be pressed into a steam train service on the Channel link from the coast: a luxurious twice-daily Pullman which will outshine the French TGV at about 1,000th of the cost.

☐ Kew Gardens will be properly endowed from public funds and a project for a magnificent millennial science park, near Birmingham, will be started.

☐ Every city, town and village in Britain will be invited to submit its own proposals. London needs help with a proper coach station; Derby needs a new bus station. Matlock needs a tramway from Matlock Bath, over Crown Square and up Bank Road to the top of the hill. Bakewell needs a good library in the old post office, and . . .

Gosh. I started this as a joke. Now I think I'm serious.

Spanish eyes see a significant European role for the British that we have failed to appreciate

Britain looks bigger from the south

William Rees-Mogg

What do the Spanish think about the future of Europe? Last week I went to a conference on Europe organised by the Fundación Botín in Santander, the beautiful resort city in northern Spain. I had been invited to explain British reservations about the Treaty of Maastricht; other speakers represented different strands of European opinion. Spain herself ratified the Maastricht Treaty with no referendum and little public debate. I found, however, that there is a Spanish public opinion which — to judge by the people I talked to — is different from and more subtle than the simple European pieties usually uttered by Spanish politicians.

To start with, Spaniards assume that British public opinion, despite our eventual ratification of the treaty, was and remains anti-Maastricht. They believe that the real British attitude to Europe is more accurately represented by Baroness Thatcher, whom they admire, than by the Europhiles. They accept the reality of this British attitude, even when they do not at all share it. Before my lecture, I gave a brief press conference. The story in *El Diario Montañes* opens with the sentence: "To the question whether the British people feel themselves to be European, Lord William Rees-Mogg replied that 'The British people feel themselves to be British'." At the press conference the journalists had liked that reply: it was what they thought any British speaker should say, if he were being honest.

To the Spanish, whether or not they are themselves Euro-federalists, Britain is seen as the champion of the individual nations against the centralising power of Brussels. From their point of view, it is right that there should be such a champion, even though they recognise that on the day of battle we have usually left our sword in the tent. A sophisticated Spanish journalist put it in this way. Each European country belongs to several different groups: there are the big and the small states; there are the rich and the poor; there are the Atlantic and the Mediterranean nations; there are the insiders, seen primarily as Germany and France, and the outsiders, seen as including Britain and Spain. There are those with conservative and those with socialist governments. Countries will divide on different issues according to the group to which they belong, but each group exists in a certain tension with an opposite group. Britain is the largest and most powerful of the outsiders; the balance of the European Union depends on Britain acting as the anchor for this interest. Of course I know that this anchor is regularly pulled out of the sand, but the Spanish are too polite to say so.

The Spaniards are not concerned with the shifts of domestic British politics, of which most of them know little. They explain Britain's position in terms of history — Britain is, with Ireland, the only nation of the EU not to have been conquered or governed by a Fascist regime either during of after the Second World War. That has left us with exceptional confidence in our national institutions. Britain is an island, and sees the Continent from an island point of view. To the Spaniards it is natural that Britain should be the leader of the group of outsiders, though they recognise that they will never be insiders themselves. They do not have any desire to take the anchor position, or even to pull consistently on the outsiders' rope.

They see the political and economic power of the European Union as centered on the Franco-German alliance. Spain is, if anything, rather more Francophobe than Britain. "Our historic experience with France has not been fortunate; we have had little to do with the Germans," is how one Spaniard put it. Many Spaniards hope that a single Europe will emerge which will eventually reduce this uncomfortable sensation of dependence on a Franco-German alliance to which Spain counts for very little. The present balance of power in Europe is not welcome. Commenting on the Spanish ratification of Maastricht, a Spanish journalist said: "We thought that Europe was bad, but being without Europe would be worse."

In the present dispute over voting in the Council of Ministers Spain has taken the British view, though we have not made a great success of it. This temporary alliance accords with the group membership theory. Spain is a large outsider, relatively poor, with a Mediterranean agriculture and a rather right-wing Social Democratic government. Britain is a larger outsider, at the bottom end of the scale of the rich European nations, with a wobbly Conservative government.

Oddly enough, the 23 or 27-vote question affects Mediterranean agriculture more than any obvious British interest. None of the four potential new members of the European Union are Mediterranean; none of them grows olives. The combined Mediterranean agricultural vote of Spain, Italy, Portugal and Greece is 24 — at present one more than a blocking vote. When the blocking requirement rises to 27, the Mediterranean countries will have to depend on France, and it is an axiom of European politics that none of her neighbours wishes to depend on French diplomacy. Even the Germans sometimes feel uncomfortable.

The Spanish are also directly concerned in the post-Maastricht argument about the likely effect of European federalism on those nations which already have a federal structure. Spain is divided constitutionally into 17 regions, of which the Basques and the Catalans have strong separatist claims. At first many Spaniards thought that a movement towards a federal Europe would in some way dissolve these separatist ambitions. Now they begin to see that Euro-federalism would tend to dissolve the nation state, and therefore strengthen separatist claims.

Scotland, Lombardy, Bavaria, Catalonia — let alone the Basques — would all want to deal with Brussels direct, rather than through London, Rome, Berlin or Madrid. My own lecture dealt partly with the problems that could arise from the disintegration of the existing European nations. Yugoslavia is an alarming example of what could happen. From the questions I found this was an issue of significance to a Spanish audience.

European politics are much more complex, and much more interesting, than they are usually portrayed as being. I came back from Santander reassured about the British position; even Spaniards who are themselves devoted Europeans understand and even admire Britain's role as the leader of the European alternative to the Bonn-Paris-Brussels axis. They would not, as Spaniards, be comfortable if no such counter-pressure existed. Perhaps in Britain we may have to become an honorary Mediterranean country, and vote the olive oil ticket, if we want to build up blocking majorities for British interests.

Spain is still suffering from the long-term political damage of the Franco years. Spanish conservatism — though they do not like the word — is deeply rooted, and will probably return to dominate Spanish politics. Spain is still, like Poland or Ireland, a strongly Catholic country. Yet for the present the association between conservative ideas, including even the family, and a rejected Fascism weakens the Spanish right. Each European nation has its own political culture, its own interests and its own history. No more than the British, will the Spanish finally accept a merely subordinate role in a deal between France and Germany. That was one of the things wrong with Maastricht.

Confusion in liberal doses

The Tory left is suffering a crisis of indecision, says **Peter Riddell**

The Tory left is in disarray. Having forced Baroness Thatcher from Downing Street in November 1990, and dominated John Major's Cabinet since then, it is now unsure of its future. The strange line-up in the current dispute over European policy only underlines its predicament.

The terms left and right are imprecise and fail to capture the complexity of most MPs' views. Yet as crude labels of allegiance they have meaning. Each side knows who the enemy is. Every autumn, rival slates of candidates are put up by the 92 Group (the right) and the Lollards (the left) for election to backbench committees. What matters is which side wins, rather than what the otherwise obscure victors then do or say.

In recent years, the 92 Group has been better organised and has won most contests. This has stirred the right to complain that a predominantly centre-right parliamentary party is under-represented in a mainly centre-left Cabinet. Paradoxically, while Lady Thatcher failed to ensure that the succession at the top passed to "her people", her influence was much greater further down, among candidates and new MPs. Thatcher's children may have been rare, but there are many grandchildren. The next generation of Thatcherites is prospering. Hence many younger Tories on the left are now unhappy about their prospects.

But the pessimism of the Tory left also reflects its ideological confusion. During the 1980s its members generally accepted, and in some cases enthusiastically embraced, the free-market approach of Lady Thatcher. For a few, notably Kenneth Baker, the conversion was total; others on the left were more restrained. But, with the exception of Ian Gilmour, most supported the main economic strands of Thatcherism. And such One Nation Tories as Kenneth Clarke, Virginia Bottomley and John Patten became leading implementers of the changes in public services.



Leaders of the right have no trouble defining their position. Read any speech by Michael Portillo or Peter Lilley, and the message is clear: a belief in free markets, rolling back government, limiting the role of the welfare state where private provision is possible, and a loose, free-trade association of nation states in Europe. The musings on the left are more ambivalent. Their search for roots, whether in Burke, Disraeli or European Christian Democracy, reflects their uncertainty.

Their views are not always consistent. Douglas Hurd is the anguished man of office, trying to keep the show on the road, supporting piecemeal reform but opposing "a permanent cultural revolution". Yet Michael Heseltine has rejected a policy of consolidation and wants further change, as he underlined in his vintage performance in Plymouth on Saturday. This contrast is symbolised by the Cabinet debate over Post Office privatisation. Mr Clarke has always been more at home debating actual policies than with philosophical speculation. But he has talked about seeking an American type of free-market economy and a European-style welfare state, even though the two may not be compatible.

More ambitious attempts have come from younger ministers. John Patten has argued that, having set the agenda on economic issues in the 1980s, the Tories are doing so again with fresh thinking on social policy. Stephen Dorrell, universally tipped to be in the Cabinet within a few months, recently updated the approach of Peter Walker, his old mentor, though with a more pro-European slant. Mr Dorrell defended the legitimacy of state action as a means of securing a just and free society. His assertion of the One Nation tradition could not have been delivered by his Treasury colleague Mr Portillo.

David Hunt has now, more controversially, discussed the common ground between British Conservatism and European Christian Democracy in an interesting pamphlet (set out in the Monday Essay on page 11). This theme was first raised by Chris Patten three years ago when he was attempting to define a post-Thatcherite approach. That provoked sharp criticism from the Thatcherite right. Mr Hunt takes a similar line in emphasising the common approach in Britain and on the Continent towards the social market economy, with its focus on the social benefits of the market and the material welfare of ordinary people.

The snag with almost all these statements is that they do not lead anywhere. Most amount to little more than justifications for whatever the Government is now doing. There is no real clue to future policy. Mr Dorrell and Mr Hunt reject a minimalist state, but they do not define what that should mean for levels of public spending or the private-public balance in the welfare state. They are constrained as serving ministers from speculating too much. But nearly 15 years in office and accommodating to Thatcherite economics has meant the Tory left now lacks a sense of direction.

On Europe, for instance, the strongest advocates of a tough line over voting rights during the key Cabinet discussion on March 17 were not the Euro-sceptics, such as Mr Portillo, who was quiet, but Mr Clarke and Mr Hunt. That was because of their opposition to the new social directives backed by their Christian Democrat allies on the Continent. The pro-European left will look to them to support the compromise plan put to Mr Hurd in Greece.

Europe remains, however, the most likely and serious dividing line within the Tory Party, especially if it goes into Opposition. But it is only one among several issues where the Tory left is uncertain and unsure. The right has fewer doubts. Some Thatcherite MPs are looking forward to a period in Opposition to advance their views and position. The Tory left should remember the fate of liberal Republicans in America, once dominant, but now largely sidelined by self-confident conservatives.

Frame game

AFTER five turbulent years as chairman of the Arts Council, you might imagine that Lord Palumbo would wish to retire gracefully from the artistic fray. Well, not a bit of it. For Palumbo is being strongly tipped to become chairman of the Serpentine Gallery, one of London's leading showplaces for contemporary art, when he steps down next month.

Such a heavyweight appointment (effectively a job-swap with Lord Gowrie, current chairman of the gallery and Palumbo's successor at the Arts Council) is likely to arouse further fury among the philistines who rail against the gallery's provocative exhibitions.

In the recent past, the Serpentine has served as a launchpad for such masters of contemporary controversy as Rachel Whiteread (she of the plaster-cast house) and Damien Hirst (pickled shark), while only last year the police asked the gallery to draw its blinds to spare passing innocents the sight of Robert Gober's genitalia wallpaper.

Eyebrows may also be raised by the fact that Palumbo's likely appointment will come soon after the Arts Council approved an impressive 6.8 per cent increase in its grant for 1994-95. As one influential aesthete puts it: "I think for an arts institution which receives money from the Arts Council to appoint the former chairman in the current climate is a very bizarre act." Positively avant-garde.

Yes, ex-minister

THE quest for an American publisher for Alan Clark's diaries, which unsurprisingly were shunned by 20 publishers on grounds of political incorrectness, has ended with the appointment of Farrah Straus Giroux of New York.

Author and publisher, it seems, are still at the getting to know you stage. "He is a very interesting fellow," says Roger Straus, "even though he does not represent the most liberal of views." But the firm has big plans for its man. "Obviously nobody in the States knows him so we had to make the book title more titillating. We are going to call it *Mrs Thatcher's Minister: The Private Diaries of Alan Clark*."

Clark, working on a sequel, is happy with the new title and also seems to have ruled out a return to politics, at least for now. "I have colossal regrets. Huge. But the Lord will provide. I don't expect to be running into Norman Lamont at selection meetings."

Making advances

WHATEVER happened to penniless writers in their garrets? Well, there's no point in asking Peter Ackroyd. His agent Giles Gordon has just clinched a £5 million deal with Reed Publishers which will keep his author in the finer things of life until 2004. In return, Ackroyd will supply four novels and four books of non-fiction.



Never has the book trade seen such a deal. While Jeffrey Archer may receive contracts for two or three books at once, few of Ackroyd's literary stature have agreed such arrangements. Gordon is understandably delighted: "It's the first time it's been done over anything like such a long period for anything like so many books and for such an established writer."

● *Talk about shuttle diplomacy. No sooner had Sir Patrick Fairweather, our man in Rome, cabled the Foreign Office with his final thoughts on the Italian election campaign than he was on a plane to Heathrow, where in his alter-ego as our (non-resident) man in Albania he greeted Dr Sali Berisha, Albanian President. No time, however, to unpack the diplomatic bags — it was straight back to Rome for today's count. Some dolce vita.*

Tarzan at 10

IF THE length of ovation from the party faithful is any measure, Michael Heseltine is the principal challenger for any vacancy that might arise at No 10. And if it isn't, the bookmakers are — yesterday the odds on Heseltine becoming next Leader of the Tory Party narrowed from 3/1 to 9/4.

But the current occupant was also in good form at the Central Council meeting in Plymouth over the weekend — at least at the beginning of his speech. He described a typical day at No 10 that began with the arrival of Sir Norman Fowler clutching a suitcase full of donations. "Norma was polishing her necklace. Naturally, I was shredding some documents. It was just another normal day at Downing Street." Sadly, according to most observers, it was downhill from there on.

Quote unquote

GALLANT knight that he is, Sir Peregrine Worsthorne has lost no time in jumping to the defence of his wife, the fair Lady Lucinda Lambton. In yesterday's *Sunday Telegraph* he fulminated splendidly about the injustice done by the *Daily Mail* through reporting comments his wife made about John Patten, the Education Secretary.

It was not so much the *Mail*'s misquoting (she never said he was a "greasepot"; she did say he was a "slimy skeleton") but the fact they were reported at all. "She should not have been quoted," thundered Worsthorne, arguing that the comments had been made at a private party to someone she believed to be a friend.





Lambton can count on Worsthorne for a gallant defence

Gallant, definitely, but surely unconvincing from the journalist who left the Prince of Wales apparently "incandescent with rage" when doubts he expressed at a private lunch for newspaper editors in 1987 found their way into a piece Worsthorne wrote for *The Spectator*. Worsthorne, however, insists double standards are not being applied: "I think I would now say I was probably wrong to write about that lunch, although at the time it seemed to me I was helping him explain his difficulty in getting his message across.

"But surely there is a difference between someone chatting at a party with someone they thought was a friend and me going to lunch with the Prince of Wales. I'd never met him before."

● *A comforting touch of political correctness at a recent Tory press conference where handouts attacked Labour's health policy as being "all things to all men". For the fragrant Virginia Bottomley this proved a sexist step too far. "Labour," she said, somewhat hesitantly, "is all things to all, er, people."*

TIME TO STAND FIRM

How Major can begin to unite his party on Europe

Nothing could be more damaging for John Major and the Conservative Party than for the Prime Minister to be seen as a latter-day Grand Old Duke of York, marching his troops to the top of the hill and marching them down again. Yet, even to the most loyal of Tory supporters applauding their leaders in Plymouth this weekend, that is how this past week's manoeuvres over Europe have looked. When the Cabinet meets tomorrow to discuss the latest offer on minority voting, ministers should remember that firmness of purpose is not just right for Britain's interests in Europe; the Government's political credibility depends on it.

Only last Friday, Mr Major was telling *The Guardian* how passionately he felt about not giving way on the size of the blocking veto once four new states join the European Union. He suggested that he was even prepared, if necessary, to allow enlargement to be delayed. The Prime Minister has staked his reputation on this issue. He cannot now afford to accept any deal that materially weakens Britain's influence in the European Union.

Whether the compromise now under consideration does so is still unclear. The suggestion is that the blocking veto should rise to 27 votes, but that, if countries with between 23 and 26 votes opposed a proposal, decisions would be delayed for a "reasonable" time. So much of a fudge is this that member states are already arguing about what it means. Will it, as France fears, mean an indefinite delay? Or is it no more than a short cooling-off period which can swiftly be brought to an end by the majority countries? If the former, it should be acceptable to Britain, since it would tide difficult decisions over until 1996, when voting mechanisms will be re-examined in the inter-governmental conference. If the latter, it is quite unacceptable, since a whole raft of measures which Britain opposes could be introduced in the next two years.

Mr Major must not lose his nerve. All the hardest deals in the EC are done at the very last minute. In holding out for a compromise that offers minority countries an indefinite delay, he will be giving succour not just to a small wing of his party. He will be in tune with the vast majority of Conservatives, and with most of the British electorate. The centre of gravity has shifted within his party and the country, and the Prime Minister needs to take this into account. The few Tory MPs who oppose his position are looking ever more isolated. And only yesterday, an NOP poll in *The Mail on Sunday* found that 61 per cent of voters in southern England thought the European Union had too much power over British domestic policy. Only 7 per cent said it had too little.

Interestingly, this poll suggested that the Conservatives may not fare as badly in the European elections as has been feared. In June 1989, the last time these elections were held, the Tories were ten points behind Labour in national polls; this year the gap has widened to around 20 points. Some people have been predicting a landslide defeat, particularly in the South, where Liberal Democrats could steal many seats from the Tories. But the NOP poll finds that, even there, Labour is in second place, and that the Conservatives look likely to lose a maximum of ten out of their current 32 seats.

All this should strengthen Mr Major's position. He has most of his party behind him. He has much of the country behind him. To Labour attacks that he is merely patching up internal divisions, he can reply convincingly that, unlike the Opposition, he is prepared to defend British interests abroad. For once, the Conservatives are more in tune with the electorate than their rivals. They must not give up now.

THE DANGERS OF DELAY

Economic policy demands a further cut in interest rates

To see Kenneth Clarke flailing around on television yesterday, clutching at confusing titbits of tax calculations and economic statistics, was to be reminded how far the Government's economic policy has drifted since last autumn, when hopes were high that the new Chancellor's first Budget would put economic policy on a stable course.

The public was well prepared for higher taxes. It was clear the Treasury would have to collect more in order to control public borrowing and pre-empt any possibility of incipient inflation. But that was supposed to be only half the plan. The Chancellor was also expected to address other economic objectives: to accelerate, or at least maintain, the economic recovery, stimulate industrial investment and to try to narrow the balance of payments gap. All these objectives could be advanced if the Budget's higher taxes were matched by lower interest rates. But last November Mr Clarke delivered only half this bargain. He came up with an elephantine increase in taxes, accompanied by a mouse-like half percentage point off interest rates. From that one misjudgment have stemmed most of the subsequent troubles, not only for Mr Clarke, but also for the British economy as a whole.

Mr Clarke now calls his tax increases "the price for sustainable recovery and jobs". But this claim impresses no one. His listeners know that high taxes undermine recovery and destroy jobs. It is only if higher taxes lead to low interest rates that they sustain recovery. And it is because Mr Clarke has failed to deliver the monetary easing that should have accompanied his Budget that his self-justifications have failed to convince.

Until recently, the Treasury did not seem too concerned about the Budget's failure to inspire confidence among consumers, industrial investors or voters. For the Budget had been rapturously received by the one audience that mattered — the City. The stock market was soaring, long-term interest rates were falling and sterling was strong.

In the last few weeks, however, the financial enthusiasm has collapsed. In the City the talk is suddenly about a new burst of inflation and a balance of payments crisis. Sterling is falling, stock market prices are tumbling, long-term interest rates have risen sharply and the almost universal hope of further cuts in bank base rates after the Budget has been replaced by expectations of an economically crippling rise.

In reality, the City's fears are almost certainly overdone. While stock market and bond prices could easily fall further in what should be recognised as a global reaction to the over-enthusiasm that infected most of the world's financial markets at the end of last year, short-term interest rates are still under Mr Clarke's direct control. Provided the Chancellor has the courage to cut short-term rates further, the chances of Britain's recovery being stifled either by global financial upheavals or by higher taxes are small.

Nevertheless, the risks facing Britain are clearly now greater than they were last November. There is more risk today that a cut in interest rates might produce a free-fall in sterling or a panic in the City about inflation, unwarranted though this would be. But if Mr Clarke fails to act soon, these risks will grow even greater, as financial confidence dwindles and economic conditions deteriorate. The lesson he should draw from his failure to ease monetary policy last November is clear: to delay action can be even more dangerous than to act.

LESSON FROM SOMALIA

Intervention saved lives but its execution was flawed

The good news out of Africa for President Clinton is that the last American soldier withdrew from Somalia on Friday, leaving that benighted country in the precarious charge of lightly armed Pakistani, Indian and Egyptian peacekeeping forces. But news that armed bandits are moving into the vacuum left by the withdrawal, looting Mogadishu's airport and sea depots, must be profoundly depressing. There is a danger that the multinational humanitarian mission will be regarded as a wretched failure.

Somalia has been a test case from which lessons must be learnt: what is needed is not less intervention in future but better planning, management and execution. In responding to the humanitarian emergency, the intervention saved hundreds of thousands of lives. Unlike the Ethiopian famine of 1984, the Somalian famine was entirely man-made: Operation Restore Hope sought to end the looting of food aid and protection rackets, the main causes of starvation. But the cause was lost in the first few days: Pentagon orders prevented American soldiers acting forcefully enough in disarming the warlords and their armies.

Effective disarmament would have prevented last year's attack on Pakistani soldiers by General Aidid's forces. The UN has been blamed for engaging in a vendetta: but failure to pursue him would have set the most damaging precedent, not just in Somalia but in every where peacekeepers risk their lives. The message is that UN troops cannot be attacked with impunity.

Where the UN erred was in allowing the punishment of Aidid to obscure the *raison d'être* of the intervention. Even in a "low intensity" operation, underequipped troops will be "sitting ducks", just as the Pakistanis were last year. An over-reaction is the inevitable product of a sense of insecurity. Another crucial lesson is that the UN field commander should always have absolute control. The control and command structure in Somalia has been a disaster, with officers from different units ringing home — literally — for instructions.

Insufficient attention was paid to the structural rehabilitation of Somalia: feeding people is not enough. The country is now in the grip of a cholera epidemic, a sure sign of failure by the UN's humanitarian agencies to do their job. A thorough reform of these agencies, with particular attention to accountability, is imperative.

The Security Council must examine in detail the lessons of Somalia. The current practice that a ceasefire be in place before peacekeepers are stationed should be re-examined: it was this that led to the delay in intervention.

And the nettle of trusteeship must be grasped. It is argued that article 78 of the UN Charter prohibits the institution of trusteeship in a state already a member of the UN. But Somalia could have had its membership withdrawn as there was no government in Mogadishu to oppose that. Somalia has not had a government since 1991. Tragically, it still does not have one.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Need for tougher laws on fraud

From Mr Martyn E. Jones

Sir, Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, has unveiled new proposals for taking tougher action against fraudsters throughout the European Union (report, March 22). I suggest that we in Britain should first put our own house in order.

With few exceptions, recent fraud cases in British courts have resulted all too often in a fine or a short prison sentence with early parole. British fraudsters have to be very unlucky to spend much time in jail, while their victims often suffer the remainder of their lives in misery.

As accountants who are frequently called on to investigate such cases, my firm believes that one of the reasons why fraudsters are easily tempted to deceive auditors and regulators is that the laws in this area are weak and are not enforced as vigorously as they should be.

This problem could be overcome if knowingly to deceive an auditor or regulator was made an arrestable offence, with a maximum custodial sentence of, say, five years. Any person who commits such an offence should be made liable (without indemnification from any other party) for any losses that arise.

More prosecutions focused on such offences would be a useful deterrent, not only to would-be fraudsters but also to the cronies and subservients whose participation is usually essential to the perpetration of a major fraud. This would also result in a tougher and quicker system of prosecution and trial, and would provide a useful example to other countries in the European Union.

Yours faithfully,
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March 22.

Risks 'fairly' shared

From Mr Stephen O'Brien and others

Sir, In nailing Labour's third "myth" about government policy for private-sector involvement in public-sector projects (Business News, March 22), Stephen Dorrell, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, emphasises the need for "a fair sharing of risk" between government and the private sector.

Although a commendable guiding principle, much of course will turn on the definition of "fair". Where the views of the Treasury and the private sector diverge, there is a real likelihood that private sector-led projects with clear commercial merit will be frustrated.

An apparent example of this involves the proposal for new Northern Line Tube trains. This private sector-led leasing scheme is commercially attractive, and may prove even more advantageous to London Underground once it is opened up to competitive tender.

We are keenly aware of the desperate need for increased investment in London's transport system. The Government's Private Finance Initiative — and London's businesses and commuters — will benefit considerably if innovative thinking is blended with commercial common sense. Treasury should support, not undermine, this principle.

Yours sincerely,
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Double-fee dilemma

From the Director of the National Consumer Council

Sir, Your article, "Lawyers in double fee dilemma" (Law, March 15) did not examine all the likely effects that the current flawed proposals for conditional-fee agreements will have on clients, as opposed to lawyers, particularly in personal injury cases.

We believe that allowing lawyers to charge a maximum of double their normal rates for conditional-fee agreements is wrong. We support the earlier proposal of a 20 per cent uplift on normal costs, but the uplift is only one aspect of conditional fees that consumers will need to understand.

Conditional fees work on the principle that if you succeed you pay your lawyer whatever percentage uplift you have agreed. But how will success be defined? How will consumers know whether the level of uplift reflects the risk the lawyer is taking? Clients will also need to have information about the likely costs of litigation and lawyers' fees before they can make an informed choice about whether to sign a conditional-fee agreement. They will need to know what the "normal" fees are as well as the proposed uplift.

The Lord Chancellor's Department is drafting regulations for the introduction of conditional fees. In order to ensure sufficient safeguards the regulations must address all these issues.

Yours faithfully,
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March 17.

VE-Day is casting a light on the past

From Dr David Cesarani

Sir, It is hard to reconcile your reflections on the "brief moment of spiritual accord" after the end of the Second World War (leading article, "Peace in our time", March 24) with the rage against the Nazi regime and the German population which had supported it, that followed the overrunning of the concentration camps in 1945.

Nor did the Allies share your retrospective confidence that the German people would regard the defeat of Nazism as a "welcome release". They rushed troops to occupy the "Alpine Redoubt" and guarded against the threat of fanatical Nazi guerrillas. Postwar tests of German public opinion showed there was still widespread sympathy for the Nazis.

VE-Day 1995 (letters, March 25; see also letters, March 23) offers an opportunity to restate what the war was about, a message still sadly relevant: the liberation of Europe from a racially inspired tyranny that won the consent of millions of its citizens.

Thousands of Germans, including Willy Brandt, fought against Nazism, some in Allied uniform. Others courageously tried to subvert it from within. Their bravery and sacrifice should be marked along with that of the personnel who served in the Allied forces. But it would be wrong to blur the meaning of the victory by playing down the barbarity of the Nazi regime and the evidence that Germany had to be battered into submission.

Yours sincerely,
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March 24.

From Dr Karsten Schmidt, OBE

Sir, The matter of any German participation at British VE-Day celebrations next year requires careful handling. As a German national married for more than 35 years to a Welsh girl and having lived both in Germany and now in Britain, I am acutely aware of the grass-roots feelings in both countries. I also lived through the war in Hamburg.

The VE-Day celebrations will inevitably be seen as the 50-year victory celebration, even though it may be called a celebration for peace. Only in ancient Rome did the losers play any part in victory marches: they were dragged in chains by the victors.

There will be and there should be celebrations in London, Paris and Moscow for VE-Day in 1995 and there will be memorial services in various German cities honouring their war dead. I believe that no representatives of the Allies should take part in the German services and no German, or for that matter Italian or Japanese, representatives should participate in London, Paris or Moscow. The population is not ready for such gestures and will not be ready until the last of the survivors has passed away.

Sincerely yours,
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March 24.

From Mr David Wedgwood Benn

Sir, Reconciliation between the ex-enemies of the Second World War is greatly to be welcomed. But there are many who feel that VE-Day, which marked the culmination of a uniquely bitter struggle, is the wrong time for achieving this. It would, in practice, be very difficult to avoid the "adversarial overtones" that you warn against in your leading article today.

The real moment of reconciliation came not in 1945 but on November 9, 1989, with the opening of the Berlin Wall. It was this event that ended the Cold War and made it possible to end the post-1945 division of Germany and Europe. Would it not be possible for this anniversary to be remembered every year as a day of international reconciliation?

It is a date entirely without adversarial overtones. It has a positive significance not only for the Germans but also for the British, French, Americans, Russians and many others. And it could concentrate minds on the future — the building of a secure post-Cold War world.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr David Levin

Sir, To honour on VE-Day those who fought in the cause of mass murder and racial supremacy is obscene. Today's Germany is not yesterday's, but yesterday's soldiers are. We must not rehabilitate them.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID LEVIN,
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March 23.

From Air Vice-Marshal N. S. Howlett

Sir, In the mid 1970s, when I arrived as British air attaché in Washington, my German colleague was always invited to the annual embassy reception to celebrate our victory in the Battle of Britain. To the best of my recollection he always attended.

My predecessor told me that, when discussing the invitation with his German colleague, he had said it was entirely appropriate that he should come to the function "because we couldn't have done it without you". I have no difficulty in agreeing with these sentiments.

Yours faithfully,
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March 22.

Lady to lead the Lords?

From Mr Rupert Speyer

Sir, Lynda Chalker was rejected by her constituents. She was ennobled in order to keep her in the Government despite the wishes of her constituents. Now we read (report, March 18) that she may be made Leader of the Lords. What will foreigners think of our system of democracy?

Yours sincerely,
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March 18.

From Ms Elisabeth Tison

Sir, I shall never fully grasp the subtleties of your language. Why is the word "bossy" only used in relation to women? A man who behaved just like Lady Chalker would be complimented for his "commanding" or "trenchant" style. In French, our adjectives are inflected to show whether they refer to a masculine or feminine noun. In English, it seems adjectives are chosen to show whether they refer to a male or female person.

Yours faithfully,
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March 18.

Too few anaesthetists

From the President of the Royal College of Anaesthetists

Sir, Please allow me to clarify some important issues in your report (March 18) of the General Medical Council's disciplinary hearing, and the related proceedings of July 1993 when the name of Dr Behrooz Irani, an anaesthetist, was removed from the medical register.

This college sets and monitors training standards and provides an adviser to each appointment of a consultant but not a locum. Dr Irani, a locum, is not a fellow of the college. Management and doctors (including surgeons) at Humberside should have known the risk and Irani's educational background was obviously unsuited to the consultant grade.

There is only one reason for the nationwide shortage of consultant anaesthetists alluded to by one of the surgeons at the hospital where Dr Irani worked. The target number for trainee consultants is agreed by government advisers and this college at approximately 600. The National Health Service has failed to provide funding for over 25 per cent of posts. We have protested at this situation for the last two years. The Secretary of State for Health and the DHSS share our concern, but the power and the money have been devolved to NHS trusts and other hospital authorities at a very local level.

There is no co-ordinating mechanism to ensure that national requirements are met. This is a failing of the present NHS reforms which must be corrected. Meantime we have an adequate number of good quality doctors who are waiting and eager to train.

Yours faithfully,
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Marriage in church

From Mrs C. F. Lewis

Sir, So long as we have the farcical situation that any citizen who is neither divorced nor barred for reasons of affinity has a legal right to demand marriage in an Anglican church, we are inevitably going to find that there is an inbuilt disincentive for Anglican clergy to spend time preparing couples for marriage (report, March 21).

A substantial majority of those demanding marriage in an Anglican church have no real link with it, do not worship there much, if at all, and are often disgruntled and uncooperative when faced with the suggestion that they should attend preparation meetings with the vicar. Indeed, many do not even bother to turn up for the reading of their banns. With many it is very plain that a pretty setting is all that they want from the Church.

The other Churches do not have this legal obligation and, as a result, find themselves serving for the most part their own congregation and those committed to the worship offered in the church of their choice.

Yours faithfully,
CAROL LEWIS,
The Rectory, Compton,
Newbury, Berkshire.
March 22.

Proper approach to sex education

From Dr Bob Bury

Sir, So Mr Patten is "incensed" by the alleged irregularities in the sex education class at my nine-year-old son's school (report, March 24). It is not immediately apparent why he should be so beside himself. It cannot be the facts of the case, since he can hardly be in possession of more information than those of us with children at the school, the majority of whom are entirely supportive of the staff and school nurse involved.

Highfield is an excellent school, with highly motivated staff who quite rightly feel that the difficult subject of children's growing awareness of sexual matters is best dealt with by the school nurse, who is known to the children and trusted by them and who, in co-operation with teachers and parents, can put the physical aspects of sex into a proper moral framework, emphasising the importance of loving relationships.

I suspect that your headline, "Patten seizes on school sex row in moral crusade", tells us all we need to know about the minister's motivation.

Yours faithfully,
BOB BURY,
3 Elmete Avenue, Oakwood,
Leeds, West Yorkshire.
March 24.

From Mr Richard Simmonds, MEP

Sir, When I was at school (some 35 years ago), sexual matters tended to be raised in "Divinity". One day, one of my peers raised his hand and asked, "Please Sir, what's a virgin?". He received a full and proper explanation. The next week, he asked, "Please Sir, what's fornication?", whereupon he was taken out and summarily and soundly beaten.

The schoolmaster could perceive the difference between a thirst for knowledge and an appetite to bait.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD SIMMONDS,
Woodlands Farm, Cookham Dean,
Nr Maidenhead, Berkshire.
March 24.

Traffic 'calming'

From Mr M. Chodzko-Zajko

Sir, My main complaint about traffic bumps (letters, March 23, 24) is not that they slow cars down to the legal limit of 30mph, but that most slow down the motorist much more in an arbitrary and legally dubious way. If a 30mph speed limit is set by the Department of Transport in a zone designated by the local authority as in need of "calming", what gives that local authority the right to obstruct the Queen's highway by limiting traffic to much lower speeds?

There are large areas of the London Borough of Ealing where speeds in excess of 10mph are impossible — this increases petrol consumption and damages cars' suspensions, not to mention the effect on the backs of motorists subjected to a violent double-shock every 50-100 yards.

I remain etc,
MACIEJ CHODZKO-ZAJKO,
17 Claremont Road, W13.
March 24.

From Brigadier M. P. Ford

Sir, The correspondence concerning traffic calming reveals an interesting reversal of the traditional "not in my backyard" syndrome.

Perhaps we need a new irregular verb: I am calming traffic, you are impeding the highway, he is destroying my suspension.

Yours faithfully,
M. P. FORD,
The Little Ship Club,
Bell Wharf Lane, EC4.
March 24.

Tale of two anthems

From Mr P. M. Cruickshank

Sir, The choice of "God Save the Queen" as England's national anthem before their rugby football matches is a symbol of the English superiority complex at its best. Mr Jarrett [letter, March 22; other letters, March 24] is naive to suggest that the England team might opt instead for "Land of Hope and Glory". Does he not realise the English generally assume that not only the national anthem, but also the monarchy are theirs and theirs alone?

Note the abundance of Union flags borne by English supporters at such events, at the expense of St George's crosses.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
P. M. CRUICKSHANK,
Strathfillan House,
Crianlarich, Perthshire.
March 22.

Schindler on a list

From Mr Roger Wingate

Sir, British companies shut out of Malaysia can derive consolation from having become involuntary members of an honourable club: the Malaysian board of censors has banned Steven Spielberg's Oscar-laden *Schindler's List* on the grounds, according to *Variety*, that it "incites sympathy for one race".

Yours faithfully,
ROGER WINGATE,
38 Curzon Street, Mayfair, W1.
March 24.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

March 27:

Mr Lawrence Drysdale was received by The Queen when Her Majesty decorated him with the Royal Victorian Medal (Silver).

Mr Ronald Greenough was received by The Queen when Her Majesty decorated him with the Royal Victorian Medal (Silver).

By command of The Queen, the Viscount Long (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this evening upon the Arrival of the President of the Republic of Albania and welcomed His Excellency on behalf of Her Majesty.

The Princess Royal this morning arrived at Gatwick Airport, London, from Atlanta, Georgia, United States of America.

Mrs Timothy Holderness-Roddam was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

March 26:

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, was present this evening at a Fiddlers Rally held at the City Hall, Candleriggs, Glasgow, in aid of Tenovus-Scotland, of which Her Royal Highness is Patron.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was received by Councillor Robert Gray (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Glasgow.

Lady Aird was in attendance.

The Duke of Gloucester, Colonel-in-Chief, the Gloucestershire Regiment, accompanied by The Duchess of Gloucester, today visited Gloucester and were received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Gloucestershire (Mr Henry Elwes).

Their Royal Highnesses were present at a Luncheon at Royal Air Force Innsworth and later attended a Service of Thanksgiving for the Regiment in Gloucester Cathedral.

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester witnessed a March Past at Guildhall. Afterwards His Royal Highness took the Salute at the Farewell Parade of the Gloucestershire Regiment and subsequently Their Royal Highnesses were present at a Regimental Reception at North Warehouse, the Docks.

Miss Suzanne Marland and Major Nicholas Barne were in attendance.

Service dinners

London and South East Region, ATC

Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Alcock was the Guest of Honour at a Council Dinner held in the RAF Club on March 26 to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of the London and South East Region of the Air Training Corps. Group Captain B.W. Lavender presided.

Among those present with their Ladies were Air Commodore P.M. Stean, Air Marshal Sir John Curtiss, and representatives of British Airways, Britannia Airways, Metropolitan Police, Save & Prosper Group, GL & SE TAVRA, the Air League and many past and present uniformed and civilian members of the Region.

St Nazaire Society

Captain C.R. Style, Commander of *HMS Cambletown*, was the guest of honour at the anniversary dinner of the St Nazaire Society held on Saturday, March 26, at the Royal Duchy Hotel, Falmouth. Mr Michael Burn, a president, was in the chair.

Nature notes

CARRION crows are remaking their nests from last year: they flap awkwardly through the branches with long twigs in their beak.

Many long-tailed tits have almost finished their domed nests, which look like large lichen-covered Easter eggs dumped in the sparse hedgerows.

Reed buntings are singing again: they sit on the topmost twig of a small willow, repeating their few wispy notes over and over.



The red-legged partridge

Chaffinches have settled into their territories, and the males' alarm note, which is like a stone splashing into water, can be heard everywhere in the treetops.

In the fields, red-legged partridges are very noisy: they make hoarse panting sounds followed by loud clucking cries.

Some elder bushes are almost in full leaf. On horse-chesnuts, the pale green leaves look like small, half-open umbrellas. At the edge of rivers, butterbur is in flower: its large pink flowerheads draw the early bees, since it is rich in nectar.

On sunny banks, the purple flowers of ground ivy are opening: they attract the small tortoiseshell butterflies that have just come out of the dark holes where they hibernated. The butterflies also inspect other colourful objects on the ground, like the spent blue cartridge cases from a shotgun.

DJM



Two of those injured in the Warrington IRA bombing, Gordon Edwards, 29, and Liz Antrobus, 22, were married on Saturday. A large crowd of wellwishers gathered to see the couple wed at the Anglican church of St Paul, in Miss Antrobus's home village of Helsby, Cheshire. The bombing on March 20 last year left both Miss Antrobus and Mr Edwards initially unable to walk. But the experience led them to bring forward their marriage, originally planned for next year.

Wendy Parry, whose son Timothy died after the bombing, was a guest at the ceremony, as was Dr William Boyle, the consultant orthopaedic surgeon who treated the couple.

Birthdays today

Mr Gordon Adam, MEP, 60; Miss Rosemary Ashe, soprano, 41; Sir Dirk Bogarde, actor, 73; the Hon George Bruce, portrait painter, 64; Mr Steve Bull, footballer, 29; Professor Lord Butterfield, former master, Downing College, Cambridge, 74.

Sir Robert Clarke, chairman, United Biscuits (Holdings), 65; Mr Richard Eyre, artistic director, National Theatre, 51; Mr Robert Harris, actor, 94; Mr James Hawley, Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire, 57; Professor Peter Hennessy, contemporary historian, 47; Mr Peter Holwell, principal, London University, 58; Professor G.T. Houlsby, civil engineer, 40.

Lord Hutchinson of Lullington QC, 79; Lord Judd, 59; Mr Neil Kinnock, MP, 52; Mr Raymond Lister, artist and author, 75; Mr Martin Neary, organist, 54; Mr Michael Parkinson, broadcaster, 59; Dr D.H. Roberts, provost, University College, London, 62; Professor Merton Sandler, chemical pathologist, 68; Sir John Stephenson, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 84.

Mr Richard Stilgoe, lyricist, 51; Mr Peter Wilmot-Sitwell, vice-chairman, S.G. Warburg Group, 59.

Forthcoming marriage

Mr R.G. McCarthy and Miss C.D. Mungan

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of David and Fiona McCarthy, of Parks of Aldie, Kinross, Scotland, and Christina, daughter of Necmettin and Gunilla Mungan, of Calgary, Canada.

Marriages

Mr N. Blacker and Miss C. Anderson

The marriage took place on Saturday, March 26, of Mr Norman Blacker and Miss Carol Anderson.

Lord North and Miss M.C. Desvaux de Marigny

The marriage took place on Saturday, March 26, at the Church of All Saints, Waldershare, Kent, of Lord North, only son of the Earl of Guilford, of Waldershare Park, and the late Countess of Guilford, to Miss Michèle Desvaux de Marigny, daughter of Mrs Eric Story, of Durban, South Africa, and stepdaughter of Mr Eric Story. The Rev Lawrence Smith officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her stepfather, was attended by India Hunt, Miss Louise Verity and Miss Penelope Snell. Mr Edward Elton was best man.

A reception was held at Waldershare Park and the honeymoon will be held in the United States.

Mr J.G. Rigg and Mrs U.J. Hassenstein

The marriage took place on March 26, 1994, in Avon, Connecticut, USA, between John, son of the late Mr John G. Rigg and of Mrs Irene Cobbett, of Bishop Auckland, England, and Ursula, daughter of Dr and Mrs H. Corfield, of Luxembourg.

Royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will hold a reception for the winners of The Queen's awards for export, technological and environmental achievement Buckingham Palace at 6pm.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as honorary member of the Rotary Club of London, will address a luncheon meeting at the Marriott Hotel at noon.

The Prince of Wales, as patron of the English Chamber Orchestra and Music Society, will attend a concert at St James's Palace at 7.50pm followed by dinner.

The Princess Royal, as patron of the Northern Lighthouse Board, will visit *MV Pharos* and take luncheon with the Commissioners at Leith Harbour, Edinburgh, at 11am; and, as patron of the Animal Diseases Research Association, will visit Moredun Research Institute, Edinburgh, at 2.30pm.

Thanksgiving service

Aileen, Viscountess Slim

A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Aileen, Viscountess Slim will be held in The Chapel of The Royal Hospital Chelsea, on March 30.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS:

Raphael, painter, Urbino, Italy, 1483; St Teresa of Avila, Avila, Spain, 1515; Johann Comenius, educator, Nivnice, Czechoslovakia, 1592.

King George I, reigned 1714-27, Osnabruck, Germany, 1660; Pierre Simon, Marquis de Laplace, astronomer, Trouville, France, 1749; Thomas Clarkson, abolitionist, Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, 1760.

Sir George White, pioneer of electric tramways and aviation, and philanthropist, Bristol, 1854; Aristide Briand, 11 times premier of France, Nobel Peace laureate 1926, Nantes, 1862.

Maxim Gorky, novelist, Nizhni Novgorod, Russia, 1868; Paul Whiteman, bandleader, Denver, Colorado, 1891; Corneille Heymans, physiologist, Nobel laureate 1938, Ghent, 1892; Dame Flora Robson, actress, South Shields, 1902.

DEATHS:

Wenceslaus Hollar, engraver, London, 1677; Peg Woffington, actress, London, 1760; Sir Ralph Abercromby, general, on board flagship *Foudroyant*, 1801; William Thornton, architect, Washington, 1828.

Modest Mussorgsky, composer, Leningrad, 1881; Virginia Woolf, novelist and critic, committed suicide, Rodmell, Sussex, 1941; Sergei Rachmaninoff, composer and pianist, Beverly Hills, California, 1943; Stephen Leacock, economist and humorous writer, Toronto, 1944; Dwight Eisenhower, general, 34th American President 1953-61, Washington, 1969; Sir Arthur Bliss, Master of the Queen's Musick 1953-75, London, 1975; Marc Chagall, painter, French Riviera, 1985.

Entry of the first scholars into Winchester College, 1394.

The Crimean War began, 1854.

The Spanish Civil War ended, 1939.

The last German V rocket landed in Britain, 1945.

Dinners

Her Majesty's Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrates

The Chief Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate, Mr Peter Badge, presided at the annual dinner of Her Majesty's Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrates held at the Middle Temple on Thursday, March 24, 1994. HH Judge Stephen Tumim, Mr Marcel Berlins, and HH Judge Neil Denison, the Common Serjeant of London, were the guests of honour.

Society of Old Framlinghamians

Mr R.J. Sayer, President of the Society of Old Framlinghamians, presided at the annual dinner held on Saturday, March 26, at the college. Mr J.F.X. Miller, Headmaster of Framlingham College, was among those present.

Reception

The Royal Fine Art Commission

Lord St John of Fawsley was host at a reception at 7 St James's Square, on Tuesday, March 22, to launch the report "Lighten our Darkness — Lighting our Cities — Successes, Failures and Opportunities".

The report was launched by Sir Richard Rogers and among those present were members of the Diplomatic Corps and both Houses of Parliament.

Appointment

The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, with the concurrence of the Prime Minister, has appointed Mr R.J. Carrick CMG LVO to be British High Commissioner to the Commonwealth of Australia in succession to Sir Brian Barder KCMG, who will be retiring from the Diplomatic Service.

Pattenmakers' Co

The following have been elected officers of the Pattenmakers' Company for the ensuing year:

Master, Mr R.S. Sancroft-Baker; Upper Warden, Mr A.D. Miller; Renter Warden, Mr J.A.V. Townsend; Warden to the Trade, Mr R.P. Ziff.

Latest wills

Sir Norman Longley, of East Park, Southgate, Crawley, West Sussex, late chairman of James Longley Ltd, president of the National Federation of Building Trades Employers 1950 and of the International Federation of Building and Public Works Contractors 1955-57, left estate valued at £411,127 net.

He left £1,000 to St John the Baptist Church, Crawley, and 5,000 ordinary shares in James Longley (Holdings) to the Longley Charitable Trust, with the wish they donate £1,000 to St Catherine's Hospice, Horsham.

Major General Henry Robert Bowreman Foote VC, of West Chiltington Common, Pulborough, West Sussex, a tank commander in the Western Desert where he won his VC in 1942, and was featured as a subject on *This is Your Life* on television, left estate valued at £297,641 net.

He directed that a bench seat be provided at the West Sussex Golf Club, Pulborough, in his memory.

Mary Doreen Lobel, of Wardington, Banbury, Oxfordshire, formerly of Oxford, left estate valued at £514,011 net.

She left £2,000 and effects to personal legatees, and the residue equally between St Hugh's College, Oxford, Somerville College, Oxford, and the Historic Towns Trust.

Gwendoline Ruth Forrester, of Gorleston, Norfolk, formerly of Southwold, Suffolk, left estate valued at £690,640 net.

She left her entire estate to her trustees for such charity or charities as they think fit, requesting they have regard to any memorandum in writing she may make during her lifetime and leave with her will.

Aithna Ingeborg Bertha Andrew, of Exeter, Devon, left estate valued at £1,240,396 net.

She left £290,250 and effects to personal legatees, and the residue equally between the National Trust and RNLI.

Other estates include (net before tax):

Mrs Lila Mary Sweatland, of Keynsham, Avon ..... £647,202.

Mr Geoffrey Herbert Sykes, of Heswall, Merseyside ..... £650,986.

Mr William Henry Watkins, of Turweston, Bucks ..... £1,639,376.

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Ezekiel 34:12 (REB)

BIRTHS

CLAUGHTON - On 23rd March 1994, to Alexandra née Dyer and John, a son, James Ian.

GIBSON - On 23rd March, to Martin and Ninna, a son, Robert William, a brother for Jamie and Alicia.

GREER - William Greer of Dundee and Amy Sandridge of New Orleans announce the arrival of healthy Michael Lucinda Jane Greer, March 10th 1994, 16:02 G.M.T.

GREIG - On 18th March 1994 to Diana and Robert, a son, Ross Alexander, first brother for little Connor.

HOOLEY - On 24th March 1994 to Johanna (née Mansell) and John a son, Patrick Michael Finbar.

JACKSON - On 26th March 1994, to Serena and Hugo, a son, Thomas Archie Stainton.

PITT - On March 19th, to Alice Sullivan and William Pitt, a daughter, Katharine Theresa.

RIVET-HOCKRIDGE - On March 23rd 1994, to Christophe and Ellen a son, Louis Arthur James.

SIMPSON - On March 21st, 1994, to Oliver, To Nigel and Sally (née Aldred), a son, Jonathan Joshua.

STEVENS - On Wednesday March 23rd at Queen Charlotte's, London, to Lorraine (née Smith) and Marc, a son, James Anthony Joseph.

VENABLES - On March 19th at home, to Caroline (née Mead) and Phillip, a son, William, brother to Thomas, Richard and Eleanor.

WILLIAMSON - To Brenda and Peter, a son, Robert Nathan, 28th March, 1994. A brother for Josef.

WILLIAMS - On March 26th, to Tina (née Charlton) and Shon, a son, Owen James.

DEATHS

ARROWSMITH - On March 24 peacefully, Clondagh (née Connor) aged 87, widow of Sir Edwin (Arrow) much loved mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great grandmother. Private cremation. Donations if desired to Sightsavers, Haywards Heath, RH16 4YF

ASTLEY - On 25th March, Sir Francis Astley Bt, aged 86 years, courageously with his distinctive humour, lost his last battle at Heath Mount, Rake, Hants, leaving heartbroken Brita. Adored father on Bridget and grandfather of Robert and Simon. Cremation private. Memorial service at St Peter, Eversleigh, Wilts later.

DEATHS

BALFOUR, Mary. The loved wife of Victor and adored mother of Diana and Robin and grandmother of Sophie, George, Charlotte and Victor, peacefully on March 25th. Funeral, Thursday 31st March at 2.00pm at St Mary's, West Chiltington followed by private cremation. At her own request family flowers only. Donations to King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, Sussex.

BERNSUSAN BUTT - David, economist aged 79. Much loved twin brother of Barbara Sherwon, brother of John Butt and Uncle of Simon, Philip and Colin. Peacefully on March 25th, 1994. Funeral arrangements to be made this week.

FERLDEN - On Thursday, March 24, 1994 tragically in France following a skii-ing accident, Virginia, beloved daughter of Joe and Caroline, step daughter of John and Mary, much loved sister and Aunt. Funeral arrangements to be announced after Easter

FITZGEORGE-BALFOUR. Mary. See under Balfour

HERBERT - Tragically on 24th March 1994, Nick, aged 33 years. Funeral at Stowe-by-Chartley Church, Stafford, on Thursday 31st March at 3.30 pm. Enquiries to W. Emery & Sons, tel: (0785) 51205.

HEREWARD - Matthew (Michael) Patrick Joseph. Passed away at home in Sutton Coldfield, on March 22nd. Devoted and adored husband of Kathleen and father of Christine. Sadly missed by family and friends. Requiem Mass at The Abbey, Erdington, Birmingham, at 11am, on Wednesday, March 30th.

HUMPHREY - Frank Basil C.B., husband of Olga, father of Nicholas and Igor, died suddenly while cultivating his garden, on 20th March, 1994.

HUNTER - Of Newington, suddenly on Thursday March 24th 1994, Robert Brockie Lord Hunter of Newington. A much loved husband, father and grandfather. Family flowers only, funeral private at his own request.

MACBEATH - At Perth Royal Infirmary on Friday March 25th 1994, Innis Stewart MacBeath, beloved husband of Isobel, loving father of Elizabeth and Keith and father-in-law of Colin, a much loved grandpa of Andrew and a dear brother.

MURDOCH - Edith Dorothy (Topsy) 24th March. Wife of Peter, mother of David. Grandmother to Iona, Frances and Sienna. Funeral at Aldershot crematorium 12.30, Thursday 31st March.

PENRICE - On 24th March, 1994, peacefully at home, Geoffrey aged 71. Much loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral private. Memorial service to be held later.

DEATHS

TERRY - On March 24th 1994, peacefully at Durban House Nursing Home, Romney, Douglas, aged 90 years, widower of Evelyn, father of Angela, Richard (deceased) and Susan, grandfather of Judith, John (deceased) and James Terry; and Katherine, Joanna and Richard Cooke and great grandfather of Sam, Jack and Nicola. Funeral service and cremation, Wednesday, March 30th, 2.45pm, at Southampton Crematorium. No flowers by request, donations to charity of choice.

WELDON - On 24th March, 1994, peacefully at home after a long illness, courageously borne, Patricia (Pat) widow of Leonard Weldon. Loved mother of Anthony and Bryan and grandmother of Rupert, Sarah, Jasper and Henry. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Wymeswold at 3pm on Thursday 31st March, 1994. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Wymeswold Church Appeal Fund, 14 Clay Street, Wymeswold, LE12 6TY.

WHYTOCK - Peacefully in Perth Royal Infirmary on March 25th, 1994, Jane Mitchell Whytock, in her 93rd year. Late of Kincarrathie House, Perth. Eldest daughter of the late John and Ruth Whytock.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

HENRY - The funeral service for the late Arthur Michael Henry of Repton, Derbyshire, will take place at Repton Parish Church on Thursday 31st March at 11am.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

CHAPPELL - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of William Chappell, will be held at St. Paul's Church, Covent Garden, London WC2, on Tuesday 12th April at 12 noon.

MORE - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Clare, Lady More, will be held at St Laurence's Church, Ludlow, Shropshire, on Friday April 15th 1994 at 3 pm.

WONTNER - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Charles Wontner will be held at All Saints Church Bisham, near Marlow, on Tuesday March 29th at 12 noon.

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OBITUARIES

THE MASTER OF LOVAT

Simon Fraser, Master of Lovat, son and heir of Lord Lovat and owner of the Beaufort Castle estate in Inverness-shire, died of a heart attack on March 26 aged 54. He was born on August 28, 1939.

THE death of Simon Fraser, who suffered a heart attack while riding with the Old Dounie Hunt shortly after it had moved off for the day's sport in the grounds of Beaufort Castle, is a double blow for his father and family. Only four days previously Simon Fraser had attended the funeral of his youngest brother Andrew who had died while on safari in Tanzania after being gored by a buffalo.

The Master of Lovat, as Simon Fraser was styled, had run Beaufort Castle since his father handed over the ownership of the 100,000-acre estate to him in 1970 for tax purposes; he bore a famous Scottish name. His father, *de facto* 15th lord Lovat (17th but for an attainder which put the title in abeyance from the 1745 rebellion until the middle of the 19th century), is head of the Clan Fraser and had a distinguished military career. He had begun this before the Second World War in the territorial cavalry regiment the Lovat Scouts, which was originally raised by his father for service in the Boer War. Lord Lovat had taken part in Commando operations in Norway, in the Dieppe raid of 1942, where he was awarded the DSO, and he led a Commando brigade ashore on the Normandy beaches on D-Day. In his determination to make sure that his brigade HQ was as close to the scene of action as possible — often within 100 yards of the enemy — he was severely wounded.



At the funeral of his brother Andrew, last week

(Peter Lawford played him in the 1962 film of the invasion, *The Longest Day*.) Lord Lovat was also awarded the MC. Later in the war he was sent by Churchill as a member of a parliamentary delegation to the Kremlin.

The family traced its lineage back to the 15th century when Hugh Fraser, one of the hostages for the ransom of James I of Scotland in 1424, was granted the barony of Kinnell by that grateful monarch and was thereafter also known as Lord Lovat.

The family story was replete with picaresque detail. The 11th Lord Lovat was outlawed in 1701 for, as Debrett puts it: "having seized the widow of the 9th Lord, getting the marriage ceremony performed and forcibly consummating the nuptials". When his outlawry was reversed for his support of the Government in the rebellion of 1715, this impetuous baron proceeded to make another grievous error of judgment, siding with the Pretender in the 1745 rebellion. For this he forfeited his head on Tower Hill in 1746, his title, his honours and his estates. Although his son, Simon, made amends by distinguishing himself as a general in the British Army, it was not until 1854 that a descendant, Thomas Alexander, obtained a reversal of this attainder and, in 1857, established his right to be the 12th Lord Lovat.

The heir to this colourful history, the Hon Simon Augustine Fraser, grew up on the Beaufort Castle estate, where he became an adept in all fields sports. He was educated at Ampleforth and subsequently served as a lieutenant in the Scots Guards. He studied Agriculture at Cirencester Agricultural College for a year and then had experience in a City finance house.

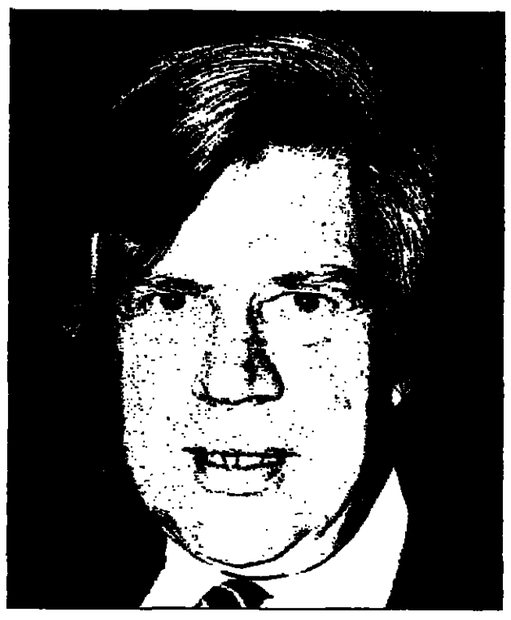
When his father made over the Beaufort Castle estate to him he set about confronting the problems of running a vast Highlands property in the modern age. He invested in a modern bottling plant for the celebrated Lovat spring water; he built up a successful salmon fishery and, at the time of his death, he was exploring the possibility of large-scale wind generation of electricity. Not all his innovations were approved of by his father. In 1990 he sold off 30,000 acres of deer forest and a stretch of river, regarding them as uneconomic. But though criticised in some quarters for thus diminishing his patrimony, Simon Fraser felt such measures were necessary to keep the estate in an economically viable condition.

Fraser was a tall, imposing figure, very much in the image of a Scottish laird, especially when he wore tartan. He was the complete countryman. He loved riding to hounds, which he did fearlessly and with panache, and he also delighted in hill walking, rock climbing and skiing. In these pursuits his powers of endurance often astonished much younger men. The rich variety of the fauna and flora to be found on his estates was, too, always a matter of keen interest to him.

Simon Fraser married, in 1972, at Brompton Oratory, London, Virginia Grose, the daughter of a Lloyd's underwriter and a noted beauty. They had two sons and two daughters. His wife and children survive him.

KENNETH ROBINSON

Kenneth Robinson, broadcaster and satirist, died in hospital in Kingston upon Thames after a short illness on March 26 aged 68. He was born in Ealing, west London, April 26, 1925.



FOR sheer breathtaking rudeness on the airwaves, Kenneth Robinson had few peers. His acerbic contributions to BBC Radio 4's *Start the Week* were very much of a piece with the manner of his ejection from the programme, somewhat unceremoniously, in 1986, on which occasion his angry reaction was broadcast live. In his 15 years with the show he was notable for the series of tremendous rows he had, particularly with women guests. So regularly did Robinson go on the attack that some outside observers often wondered whether insulting women was part of the programme's remit.

Among celebrated women broadcasters who felt the cutting edge of his tongue were Esther Rantzen, with whom he had some blistering exchanges; Angela Rippon, whom he reduced to tears after a savagely contemptuous attack on a book she had written; and the comedienne Pamela Stephenson, who reacted to his vitriol by pouring a carafe of the studio water over his head.

Kenneth Robinson grew up in west London where he was educated at Ealing Grammar School. Broadcasting — certainly broadcasting of the type that was later to make him a household name — was at first far from his thoughts. He trained as an architect, but the piano also interested him, and at one time he seriously contemplated a career as a professional musician. During the Second World War his musical talents stood him in good stead and he toured widely as a pianist in Ensa concert parties.

Although he enjoyed it, he gradually came to the realisation that he was not quite good enough for the concert platform, and decided to become a journalist. His first postwar job was on the *Croydon Advertiser* where he became drama critic. In the late 1940s he rather changed direction, using his original architectural training in a move to *Architect and Building News*. He next went to *Architect's Journal* where he wrote articles and eventually became chief assistant editor.

In the mid-1950s he joined the Design Centre as a lecturer on architectural subjects. Ironically, it was here that he discovered his penchant for humour. Very soon he found that his lecture-goers seemed to prefer the comic rather than the architectural content of what he had to say. The Design Centre's director frequently had occasion to rebuke him for dissolving his audiences into gales of laughter. By the time he gave up his Design Centre post in 1962 he had already begun to contribute humorous items to various journals and to radio.

But it was *Start the Week* that provided him with the forum for venting his particular gifts on a frequently astonished public. His nitric acid reviews of plays and books soon became a feature of the show, and woe betide the novelist or playwright who had the temerity to contest his opinions in person. He frequently hit below the belt, as when once, in a programme about sex and disabled people, he remarked tastelessly: "You can hear the wheelchairs banging together all night in some parts of the country." The furore this caused drew a hasty formal apology from an embarrassed BBC.

Robinson's input to broadcasting was not confined to radio. He also presented the BBC's *Points of View* on television and had a one-man show, *The Worst of Robinson*, which ran at the Westminster Theatre during the 1970s. But *Start the Week* remained the basic vehicle for his splenetic sorties and in the 1970s and 1980s it was his presence which gave an air of breathless uncertainty to that part of radio's day.

But rude nemesis awaited. After a more than usually barbed succession of performances on the programme the BBC decided to call time on Robinson one summer's day in 1986. The audience for the programme of June 16, heard its presenter, Richard Baker coolly announce that this was to be the satirical broadcaster's final contribution. To the astonishment of listeners Robinson broke in on this pronouncement, exploding angrily: "I'm not going, I'm not going. They have given me three days' notice after so many years. It's a bloody disgrace."

Go, he did, however, and it was the end of his real influence as a broadcaster. But he continued to work as a freelance journalist contributing humorous articles to journals such as *Punch* and *The Listener*.

Kenneth Robinson is survived by his wife Mary and by their son and daughter.

WALTER LANTZ

Walter Lantz, film animator and creator of Woody Woodpecker, died in Los Angeles on March 22 aged 93. He was born in New Rochelle, New York, on April 27, 1900.

IT WAS in a 1940 Andy Panda picture, *Knock Knock*, that Walter Lantz's most famous creation, Woody Woodpecker, made his debut. The raucous, red-headed bird-brain was soon starring in his own series where his anarchic behaviour invariably resulted in uncontrolled mayhem.

Woody was a gleefully irresponsible character; accused, in one cartoon, of being impulsive, he replied "Impulsive? I'm repulsive!"

His unforgettable cry of "Ha-Ha-Ha Haaa Ha!" was provided first by Mel Blanc, later by Lantz's second wife, Grace Stafford and immortalised in the 1947 hit song by Kay Kyser.

A variety of amusing adversaries were created for Woody, including Wally Walrus, Buzz Buzzard, Gabby Gator and Professor Dingledong. Over the years, however, Woody himself underwent a transformation that amounted more to sanitisation. Once so shrill and manic, the Woodpecker acquired a middle-class respectability, together with a girl friend, Winnie, and a niece and nephew called Splinter and Knothead. As he became less aggressive, Woody Woodpecker inevitably became less interesting.

Walter Lantz was a first generation American whose Italian father, Francesco Lanza, had anglicised his name on emigrating to the United States in the 1870s. From an early age Walter had demonstrated a talent for drawing and, during his teens, began studying art through correspondence courses. At 15 he went to work as an office boy in the art department of William Randolph Hearst's *New York American*, while continuing his art studies at evening classes.

Lantz's youthful enthusiasm was rewarded when, in 1916, the *American*'s editor recommended him for a job in film animation at the newly opened Hearst's International Film Service. There Lantz met the talented artist Bill Nolan and worked on animated films using popular cartoon characters from Hearst's newspapers, such as "Krazy Kat" and "The Katzenjammer Kids".

Following the closure of Hearst's International in 1918, Lantz joined first the Barre-Bowers studio as an animator on "Mutt and Jeff" cartoons, and then John R. Bray's studio where he worked on the "Colonel Heeze Liar" series.

Becoming Bray's studio manager in 1924, Lantz began developing characters of his own such as Dinky Doodle and his dog Weakheart, who were followed by two more series, "Hot Dog Cartoons" and "Unnatural History".

In 1927 Bray closed his studio and Lantz moved to Hollywood, working as an actor and gag-writer on Mack Sennett and Hal Roach comedies. Two years later, as a result of a meeting with Carl Laemmle, head of Universal Studios, Lantz began an animation unit at Universal assisted by Bill Nolan, who became his partner.

Sound had been introduced to cartoons in 1928 with Walt Disney's *Steamboat Willie*, and Lantz's first sound pictures were a continuation of a former Disney series "Oswald the Lucky Rabbit", who was now given voice by the young Mickey Rooney.

In a rare instance of pioneering, Lantz produced a two-colour animated prologue to the 1930 Paul Whiteman movie *King of Jazz*, that was Hollywood's first colour sound cartoon. Two years later, Lantz created Pooch the Pup and, in 1934, launched his "Cartune Classics" inspired by Disney's popular "Silly Symphony" series.

In 1935 Lantz split with Bill Nolan and when Carl Laemmle left Universal he established himself as an independent producer.

Following the phenomenal success of Walt Disney's first animated feature *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*, Lantz also began work on a feature cartoon *Aladdin and his Wonderful Lamp*. Despite a considerable investment by Universal and the acquisition of Disney's musical director, the film was never completed.

Seeking a character with the popular appeal of Mickey Mouse or Donald Duck, Lantz created Snuffy the Skunk, Baby Face Mouse, Winchester the Tortoise and Andy Panda who, with his lumbering father, achieved considerable success.

During the Second World War Lantz made a number of instructional films for the government as well as designing comic insignia for various units of the armed forces.

In 1957, following the lead of the Disney studio, Lantz produced his first television show, but he remained primarily a producer of theatrical cartoons that were consistently successful, not so much because of their quality but because they were almost alone in their field.

The last of the cartoon producers from the 1920s, Lantz closed his studio in 1972 for economic reasons and retired with his wife to Silver Lake in the Sierras.

Waltz Lantz received numerous honours including, in 1978, a special Academy Award for "bringing joy and laughter to every part of the world through his unique animated motion pictures"; and, in 1982, his work was the subject of an exhibition at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington.

Few of Lantz's huge output of cartoons could be described as animation classics, but by serving the movie industry and providing lively entertainment for more than 60 years (50 of them as head of his own studio) he won the respect and friendship of his fellow animators and considerable public affection.



That "raucous, red-headed bird-brain": Woody Woodpecker, the most famous of Lantz's cartoon creations

PETER STEPHAN

Peter Stephan, Harley Street specialist, died from a heart attack on March 20 aged 50. He was born in Middlesbrough on September 18, 1943.



PETER STEPHAN was one of Harley Street's more notorious charlatans, whose "cell-rejuvenation" therapy claimed not only to halt the ravages of time but to restore patients' youthful vigour, appearance and sexual stamina.

The therapy was based on the theory that sick cells in the human body could be beneficially replaced by healthy ones donated from the equivalent organ of an animal donor. In practice, this involved extracting serum from the foetuses of lambs and injecting it into a horse in order to let antibodies develop, before administering it to the human patient. Stephan had no scientific evidence with which to back up his wild claims — which were mocked by the medical establishment. But he possessed a plausible professional manner and by the early 1980s had made a fortune by pandering to the insecurities of his ageing clients.

Then in 1983 Stephan found himself at the centre of a bizarre murder plot. The subsequent publicity eventually led to his bankruptcy in 1991.

Stephan claimed to have been the son of Dr Ernest Stephan, "a pioneer of cell therapy treatment". In fact he was born Peter Malcolm Cottam, the son of an RAF radio shop manager in Middlesbrough. He left home at 14 and went to London to live with Dr Ernest Stephan. Having changed his name to Stephan by deed poll in 1959, he inherited the doctor's clinic when he died in 1965. Peter Stephan claimed to have given up his degree in medicine after "his father" was told he had only six months to live, after which he returned to Harley Street to learn everything he could about cell rejuvenation.

His qualifications as a doctor consisted of membership of the New York Academy of Science (which could be bought for $45), a diploma in osteopathy and an MD in Homeopathy from Bombay University. He was not even qualified to administer the expensive injections — often no more than a concoction of common vitamins — which he prescribed for his clients.

Stephan's break came in 1971 when he published a slim volume called *Cell Therapy* which went largely unnoticed until it was reissued for the American market under the title *The Secret of Eternal Youth*. Thereafter it sold 15,000 copies in six weeks and made Stephan a celebrity in the United States. Stephan backed up the publicity on the book with a professional advertising and marketing strategy and by the late 1970s was an extremely wealthy man.

All was going smoothly until 1983 when Stephan's partner, Dr Brian Richards, was charged with plotting to murder him in order to take control of Stephan's clinic. Richards was sentenced by a Californian court in 1984 to four years' imprisonment for soliciting Stephan's murder.

Stephan said the incident "destroyed the fabric of my life". Certainly, the bogus claims of his therapy were gone over in salacious detail by the tabloid press. In 1991 he was declared bankrupt with debts said to be over £850,000.

Peter Stephan is survived by his third wife, Barbara, whom he married in 1987, and a daughter.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Adrian Leighton, Rector, Holbrook w Freston and Woolverstone: to be *also* Priest-in-charge, Wherstead (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich).

The Rev Peter Ledford, Team Vicar, North Wingfield, Clay Cross and Pilsley (Derby): now Chaplain, St John's, Casablanca, Morocco (Europe).

The Rev Frank Millar, until recently Chaplain at Mallorca w Menorca (Europe): to be Priest-in-charge, Takeley w Little Canfield (Chelmsford).

The Rev Frank Naylor, Assistant Chaplain (NSM) to the Deaf (Liverpool): to be Senior Chaplain (NSM) to the Deaf and Hearing Impaired, same diocese.

The Rev John Shead, Priest-in-charge, Wethersfield w Shalford: to be *also* Priest-in-charge, Finchingfield w Cornish Hall End (Chelmsford).

The Rev Mark Smith, Assistant Curate, Guisborough (York): to be full-time Anglican Chaplain, St Martin's College, Lancaster (Blackburn).

The Rev Helen Webb, Parish Deacon, St James, Clapham (Southwark): to be Assistant Chaplain at Southmead Hospital (Bristol).

The Rev Guy Wilkinson, Rector, Ockham w Hatchford and Bishop's Domestic Chaplain (Guildford): to be Vicar, St Aidan w St Gregory and St Oswald, Small Heath (Birmingham).

The Rev Geoffrey Wood, Assistant Curate, Stainton: to be Vicar, Middlesbrough, St Oswald (York).

Resignations and retirements

The Ven Desmond Carnelley, Archdeacon of Doncaster (Sheffield): to retire as from August 31.

The Rev Brian Forster, Vicar, St Paul, Stoneycroft (Liverpool): to retire as from May 31.

The Rev Victor Harrod, Vicar, Thorpe le Soken (Chelmsford): to retire through ill health as from May 31.

The Rev Peter Wood, Vicar, Ricall (York): to retire as from April 15.

Further appointment

Miss Margaret Selby, Director of Training (Sheffield): to be Director of Pastoral Studies at the College of the Resurrection, Mirfield.

Church of Scotland

Ordinations and inductions

The Rev Robin Allison to Kelty

The Rev Daniel Carmichael to Ferintosh

The Rev Irene Charlton to Auchaber United with Auchterless

The Rev D Ritchie M Gillon to St Luke's, Paisley

Inductions

The Rev Archibald A R Halliday to Duffus, Spynie and Hopeman

The Rev Matthew Roberton to Cawdor with Croy and Dalcross

The Rev Alexander C Wark to Methil.

Translations

The Rev James A Munro from Alves and Burghead to Kilmallie

The Rev Alexander McCallum from Kilberry with Talbert to New Trinity, Saltcoats.

The Rev Gordon A Plamer from Ruchazie, Glasgow, to Slateford Longstone, Edinburgh.

Retirements

The Rev Robert J M Andrew from Uddingston Old.

The Rev Robert Carmont from Sandyhills, Glasgow.

The Rev Charles W Miller from Fowlis and Liff.

Scottish Episcopal Church

Ordinations

Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway

Alexander Montgomery has been ordained Deacon. He will be Honorary Assistant Curate at St Andrew's, Irvine.

The Rev Colin Curtis has been ordained Priest. He will be Honorary Assistant Curate at St Aidan's, Clarkston.

Diocese of Brechin

Stanley Gladstone Lemon has been ordained priest and will be Assistant Priest at St Andrew's, Brechin, St Drostan's, Tarfside, and St Peter's, Auchmithie.

Appointments

Diocese of Brechin

The Rev Canon Kenyon Wright is now Priest-in-Charge of All Saints, Glencarse.

Resignations

Diocese of Edinburgh

The Rev Dr Charles Simpson and The Rev Sharon Simpson, Priest-in-Charge and Associate Minister at St John's, Selkirk, respectively have left the Edinburgh Diocese to take up jointly the post of Warden at Offa House Retreat and Conference Centre, in the Coventry Diocese.

TORY RIOT AT DEVIZES

(From a Government paper)

On Friday evening last a public meeting, convened by the Devizes Chartists (respectable tradesmen), took place in the market-place. At 6 o'clock, a procession of about 2,000 persons from the surrounding villages entered Devizes, with music, flags etc. Mr Henry Vincent, Mr W.G. Burns of the Convention, and Mr W.P. Roberts of Bath, were in an open carriage. On reaching the market the numbers were about 5,000.

Mr Carrier, of Trowbridge, was called to the chair. He had not spoken five minutes before a body of from 200 to 300 Tories, composed of drunken farmers, lawyers' clerks, parsons, and other supporters of the renegade Burdett, headed by Tugwell, the under-sheriff of the county, made their appearance.

A horn was blown by Tugwell as the signal of attack, when an immediate rush was made upon the meeting, with cries of "Corn laws for ever," "Church and State," "No Dissenters," "No bloody Whigs and Radicals," "Three cheers for the Queen," and "Down with Vincent."

The meeting thus suddenly thrown into confusion, no man knowing friend from foe, and the dark of night approaching, a scene of indescribable confusion occurred. Mr Burns then mounted, and said: "Here are a few drunken Tories trying to raise the antiquated cry of 'Church and State'; but we will neither be bamboozled by the one, nor plundered by the other." (Loud cheers and dreadful uproar.) Mr Vincent rose amidst stones, flints, and mud, which were flying in all directions. He said: "Friends, be not alarmed — these fellows below are giving us very important lessons — they are convincing us of the efficacy of moral force. (Loud cheers, waving of hats, groans, and cries of "Corn-laws and Church and State for ever.") We are met tonight to tell the base aristocracy that we have sworn death to the system by which they live, (cheers and confusion), and to tell them, that if these be the weapons with which the people are to be met, we shall take up arms in our own defence." (Cheers, and throwing of mud and stones).

The confusion increasing with the darkness, Mr Vincent said: "It is essential the peace be preserved, so I suggest the propriety of adjourning this meeting. The Chartists soon dispersed in the most orderly manner, and Messrs Burns, Vincent, and Roberts retired to the Curriers' Arms, and there addressed a large room full of friends. The Tories, in a perfect state of frenzy, retired to the Castle Inn and other places.

ON THIS DAY

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The Government was Lord Melbourne's second Whig administration, which might explain the strongly-worded account of the incident.

NEWS

Major faces Euro voting dilemma

■ John Major will be forced today to choose between a full-scale crisis in Europe and a compromise deal on voting rights that could outrage much of the Conservative party.

He is to consult senior colleagues urgently after Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, flew home from northern Greece with a plan that offers only limited safeguards for Britain in the acrimonious dispute threatening the admission of four new members to the European Union.....**Page 1**

Met head presses for police guns

■ Guns could be openly worn by officers manning Scotland Yard's armed response patrols under proposals supported by Paul Condon, the Metropolitan police commissioner. A hardliner on arming officers, he has launched consultations among senior officers and staff associations.....**Page 1**

Divorce resolve

The Lord Chancellor intends to press ahead with his controversial proposals to reform the divorce laws and bring in "no fault" divorce with a central role for mediators rather than lawyers in settling disputes.....**Page 1**

Clarke salvo

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, said higher taxes would cost the typical family £5.75 a week, and not £12.52 as calculated by his Treasury officials.....**Page 1**

Stamp of disapproval

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Schoolboy heir

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Canary Wharf, the centrepiece of London's Docklands, caught in silhouette from one of dozens of hot air balloons that took to the skies over the City yesterday in a charity event for the Variety Club of Great Britain, as the sun rose on the first day of British Summer Time

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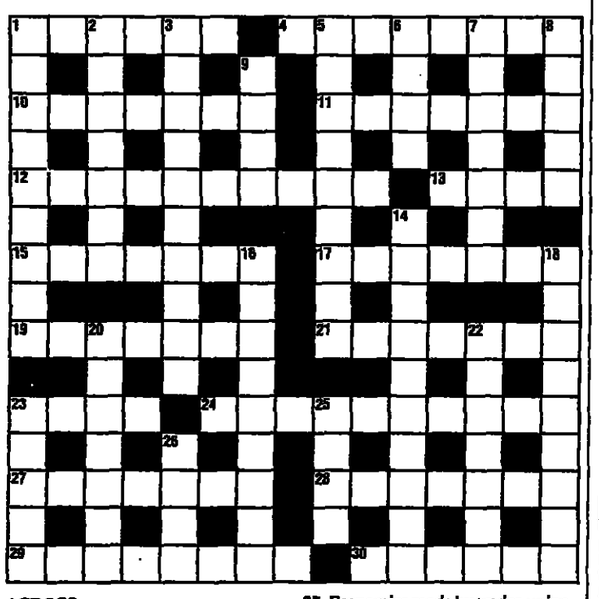
Life in the legal hot seat

■ Is Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, just another Government minister? Frances Gibb on the man with many critics

Playing with paint

■ The Swiss artist, Markus Raetz, has spent the past three decades surprising his viewers with ingenious visual conundrums. Now his work comes to London

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The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 19,500 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will receive a bottle of Knockando, a superb Speyside Single Malt Scotch whisky and a stationery rack

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp: Bristol and Chivenor, Devon 13C (55F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland 5C (41F); highest rainfall: Fair Isle, Shetland 0.08in; highest sunshine: Herne Bay, Kent and Weymouth, Dorset 11.4hr.

FORECAST

☐ **General:** Central and eastern England mostly dry and bright at first, but thickening cloud will bring outbreaks of rain from the west by the afternoon. This evening will be cloudy and misty.

Remaining parts of England and Wales will be rather cloudy with showers or some longer periods of rain, and the evening will be misty, especially near coasts.

Scotland will also be cloudy, with blustery showers, although there may be some brighter and drier spells in the east at first. The showers will become more frequent at times.

Northern Ireland will be rather cloudy, with blustery showers becoming more frequent at times. Windy, with gales over northern and western Scotland and Northern Ireland. Temperatures about normal.

☐ **London, SE, Central S, E, Central N & NE England, E Anglia, Midlands:** Dry, with brighter spells. Cloudier by the afternoon, with some rain or drizzle. Wind SW moderate, becoming fresh to strong. Max 10-12C (50-54F).

☐ **Channel Is:** Bright spells at first, becoming cloudy and misty, with patchy rain or drizzle. Wind SW, fresh to strong. Max 11C (52F).

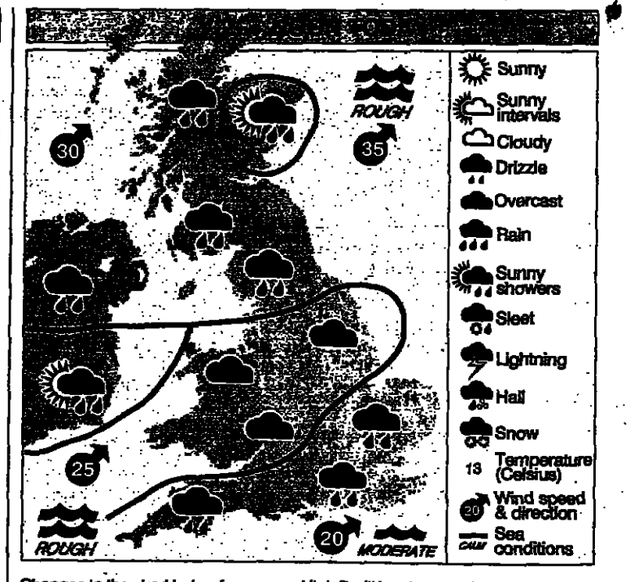
☐ **SW & NW England, Wales, Lakes, IoM:** Rather cloudy, showers or longer spells of rain, becoming misty, especially on coasts. Wind SW, fresh to strong. Max 10-12C (50-54F).

☐ **Borders, E'burgh & Dundee, A'deen, SW & NE Scotland, Moray Firth:** Brighter spells, cloudier later. Showers, more frequent later. Wind SW, fresh to strong. Max 10C (50F).

☐ **Glasgow, Central H'lands, Argyll, NW Scotland, Orkney, N Ireland:** Rather cloudy, blustery showers, becoming frequent at times. Wind SW, strong to gale. Max 10c (50F).

☐ **Shetland:** Blustery showers, frequent at times. Wind SW, strong to gale. Max 7C (45F).

☐ **Outlook:** Some drier spells, but further rain or showers to come.



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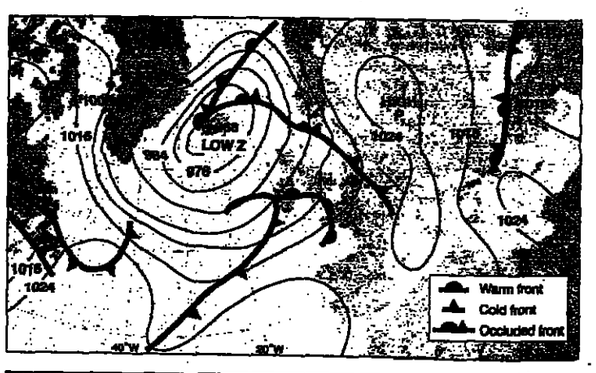
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	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	5.5	0.13	8	46	sh	Liverpool	4.9	0.35	10	50	sh
Anglesey	5.5	0.17	10	50	r	London	0.2	X	14	57	sh
Aspatria	5.0	0.17	9	48	r	Lowestoft	2.3	0.44	12	54	r
Aviemore	5.4	0.20	7	45	sn	Manchester	3.6	0.39	12	54	sh
Belfast	5.0	0.26	9	48	h	Margate	-	0.05	14	57	r
Birmingham	4.0	0.21	14	57	r	Minehead	2.6	0.06	13	55	sh
Bognor R	0.3	0.02	13	55	c	Morecambe	5.8	0.21	9	48	r
Bournem'th	2.0	-	15	59	c	Newcastle	5.6	0.03	11	52	r
Bristol	1.4	0.57	12	54	d	Newquay	X	-	-	-	-
Buxton	1.9	0.67	9	48	r	Norwich	3.1	0.35	14	57	sh
Cardiff	X	0.22	10	50	r	Nottingham	3.7	0.40	12	54	sh
Clacton	1.8	0.03	14	57	c	Penzance	1.9	0.13	13	55	d
Cleethorpes	X	-	-	-	-	Plymouth	1.5	0.01	12	54	c
Colwyn Bay	3.1	0.46	11	52	r	Poole	1.7	-	15	59	c
Cromer	1.7	0.36	13	55	sh	Ross-o-wye	4.8	0.07	14	57	b
Eastbourne	-	-	10	50	du	Ryde	X	-	-	-	-
Edinburgh	5.7	0.06	10	50	sh	Scarborough	1.8	0.02	13	55	c
Ellesmere	7.3	0.21	8	46	h	Sanderson	0.2	0.02	12	54	c
Exmouth	0.9	-	13	55	c	Saunton Snd	1.0	0.06	11	52	c
Falmouth	X	0.11	13	55	d	Scarboro'	2.8	0.31	11	52	sh
Folkestone	0.2	0.03	12	54	r	Scilly Isles	3.7	0.06	12	54	s
Glasgow	6.9	0.10	9	48	sh	Shanklin	X	0.02	11	52	c
Guernsey	0.5	0.01	12	54	d	Skegness	2.8	0.28	13	55	sh
Hastings	-	-	11	52	c	Southend	0.8	0.11	13	55	r
Hayling I.	X	-	-	-	-	Southport	5.4	0.21	9	48	r
Herne Bay	0.5	0.08	14	57	c	Southsea	0.8	-	13	55	c
Hove	X	-	-	-	-	Stornoway	6.8	0.17	7	45	h
Hunstanton	3.2	0.33	11	52	sh	Swanage	1.9	0.01	13	55	d
Inverness	X	X	X	X	h	Teignmouth	2.1	-	14	57	c
Isle of Man	5.5	0.14	9	48	sh	Tenby	3.3	0.21	13	55	c
Jersey	-	0.05	11	52	c	Tiree	6.3	0.09	8	46	s
Kinlose	4.8	0.04	8	46	sh	Torquay	2.3	0.01	14	57	s
Leeds	6.9	0.06	11	52	r	Tynemouth	5.0	0.06	10	50	s
Lerwick	4.2	0.24	6	43	sl	Ventnor	0.5	0.01	11	52	c
Leuchars	7.9	-	11	52	s	Weymouth	2.3	0.01	13	55	c
Littlehmptn	0.2	0.02	13	55	r	These are the latest figures available					

ABROAD

Ajaccio	17	63	s	C'hagn	9	48	s	Madrid	17	63	s	Rome	21	70	f
Alicante	19	66	s	Corfu	15	59	r	Majorca	20	68	s	Salzburg	4	39	sl
Alex'dria	25	77	s	Dublin	9	48	r	Malaga	19	66	s	S Frisco	15	59	s
Algiers	19	66	s	Dubrovnik	16	61	c	Malta	17	63	c	Santiago	28	82	s
Amst'dm	7	45	s	Faro	19	66	s	Melb'rne	21	70	s	S Paulo	28	79	c
Athens	18	61	f	Florence	16	61	s	Mexico C	26	79	s	Seoul	10	50	s
Bahrain	22	72	c	Frankfurt	9	48	c	Miami	30	86	s	Sing'por	29	84	r
Bangkok	31	88	f	Funchal	17	63	s	Milan	15	59	f	St'kholm	1	34	s
Barbados	29	84	f	Geneva	10	50	s	Montreal	2	36	s	Strasb'rg	10	50	s
Barcelona	17	63	s	Gibraltar	19	66	f	Moscow	1	34	c	Sydney	20	68	c
Beirut	19	66	s	Helsinki	-3	27	s	Munich	8	46	c	Tangier	18	64	s
Belgrade	9	48	f	Hong K	19	66	f	Nairobi	28	79	f	Tel Aviv	22	72	s
Berlin	7	45	f	Innsbruck	10	50	f	Naples	20	68	s	Tenerife	20	68	s
Bermuda	-	--	-	Istanbul	19	66	f	N Delhi	29	84	s	Tokyo	13	54	s
Biarritz	16	61	s	Jeddah	30	86	s	N York	8	46	f	Toronto	3	37	s
Borde'x	16	61	s	Jo'burg	25	77	s	Nice	17	63	s	Tunis	21	70	s
Brussels	8	46	f	Karachi	37	99	s	Oslo	5	41	s	Valencia	22	72	s
Budapst	9	48	f	L Palmas	19	66	f	Paris	11	52	s	Vanc'ver	10	50	s
B Aires	20	68	f	Le Touq	8	48	f	Peking	17	63	s	Venice	14	57	s
Cairo	25	77	s	Lisbon	18	64	f	Perth	23	73	c	Vienna	9	48	s
Cape Tn	33	73	s	Locarno	14	57	s	Reykjavik	5	41	r	Warsaw	3	37	c
Chicago	7	45	c	L Angels	17	63	s	Rhodes	18	64	f	Wash'ton	6	48	f
Chch'rch	23	73	s	Luxembg	8	43	s	Rio de J	30	86	f	Wel'gton	21	70	s
Cologne	7	46	f	Luxor	28	82	s	Riyadh	36	79	s	Zurich	9	48	s

X = not available



HIGHS & LOWS

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.02	7.53	2.29	7.67	Liverpool	11.39	10.14	—	—
Aberdeen	1.32	4.43	1.45	4.65	Lowestoft	9.53	2.48	10.00	2.74
Avonmouth	7.36	14.26	8.02	14.23	Margate	—	—	12.34	4.95
Belfast	11.21	3.70	11.47	3.45	Milford Haven	6.34	7.82	6.58	7.56
Cardiff	7.23	13.13	7.47	13.11	Newquay	5.24	7.6	5.48	7.5
Devonport	6.13	5.7	6.38	5.6	Oban	6.02	4.2	6.22	4.1
Dover	11.19	6.86	11.43	7.05	Penzance	5.09	5.8	5.38	5.7
Falmouth	5.43	5.5	6.08	5.4	Portland	7.18	2.3	7.43	2.2
Glasgow	1.18	4.8	1.22	4.9	Portsmouth	11.45	4.5	—	—
Harwich	—	—	12.27	4.16	Holyhead	10.35	6.06	10.57	5.84
Hull	6.37	7.83	6.49	8.14	Shoreham	11.37	6.83	11.59	6.95
Ilfracombe	6.20	10.02	6.43	10.0	Southampton	11.12	4.97	11.37	4.82
King's Lynn	6.46	6.9	6.56	7.4	Swansea	6.39	10.39	7.01	10.32
Leith	2.47	5.82	3.05	5.99	Tees	3.58	5.65	4.12	5.84
					Wilton-on-Nze	—	—	12.16	4.40

HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 6.46 am
Sun sets: 7.27 pm
Moon rises 9.23 pm
Moon sets 6.50 am

London 7.27 pm to 6.46 am
Bristol 7.36 pm to 6.56 am
Edinburgh 7.42 pm to 6.55 am
Manchester 7.37 pm to 6.53 am
Penzance 7.47 pm to 7.08 am

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Ron Atkinson triumphs in Coca-Cola Cup final

Villa end United's treble dream

IAN STEWART



Atkinson, with Bruce, left, and Parker, helpless onlookers, beats Sealey to open the scoring for Aston Villa against Manchester United at Wembley yesterday

Aston Villa 3
Manchester United..... 1

BY ROB HUGHES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THE cockerel never crowed and the treble will not be this season. Manchester United, for all their flair and adventure, were well beaten by Aston Villa in the Coca-Cola Cup final at Wembley yesterday evening.

Worse, Andrei Kanchelskis was sent off for an instinctive handball a minute from time and becomes the third player, together with Cantona and Keane, to be suspended for the semi-final of the FA Cup against Oldham Athletic on April 10.

Do not weep, though, for the apparent victory over high quality individuals for a team of greater tactical organisation and willingness to the cause.

Prepared is the Villa motto, and we found just how much the claret and blues have been cheating on their supporters of late, just how much strength and speed and form their own £11 million team has been denying their supporters in the league while storing up for this one opportunity to take silver back to Villa Park.

The exasperation of the Villa manager, Ron Atkinson, at some of his senior players was shown when, as he promised, he made dramatic changes. He dropped Houghton, the experienced Irish international, and brought in Graham Fenton, the fair-haired, pugnacious 19-year-old.

By deploying Daley and Dalian Atkinson wide on the flanks, the Villa manager reminded us how much he trusts in committed pace.

And yet, they were the adornments to victory. The anchor, the substance of it was Richardson, an unsung worker and captain, who has won league championships with Everton and Arsenal and had until yesterday twice played in this final and lost. His example, his tireless tackling and talking would not let Villa be overrun, and if that sounds as if yesterday was a triumph for a functionary over all of the glitterati, then accept that as a valid part of football.

But in the beginning, for 20 sustained minutes, it was United who tested Villa's defence. Cantona, booed at every stroke and later to become the annonymous Frenchman, first hit a deep, swinging cross from the right, which Giggs headed over the bar. Then Hughes was squeezed out by the combined efforts of McGrath and Richardson.

Giggs danced between Barrett and McGrath and from his low cross the outstretched foot of Hughes prodded the ball agonisingly wide.

Bosnich watched it with relief, and moments later, again from Hughes, had to produce a strange, flapping save to deflect the ball.

Far, far away Sealey, the stand-in for Schmichel, appeared as much as spectator as he had been in the stands all season. Suddenly it changed. There was a warning after 22 minutes when the goalkeeper had to arch his back and palm over an inswinging corner from Staunton. But that was precious little warning to the lightning strike of Villa's goal four minutes later.

That had its origins wide on Villa's right flank where Giggs jostled Barrett, and was adjudged to have fouled. So swift was the free kick taken, so rapid did the ball travel from Fenton to Townsend to Saunders, that Manchester were scarcely alert. And when Saunders, with speed of thought, used his instep to deftly volley the ball down, Atkinson was on it instantly, composing himself to flick the ball wide of Sealey for his sixth goal of the Coca-Cola Cup campaign. Teale, McGrath and Richardson were pillars of calm, though midway through the second half it was a desparate late boot from Richardson that foiled Sharpe, the substitute for the ineffectual Giggs, after Cantona had headed down an angled centre from Bruce.

After 76 minutes Villa's lead was doubled. Daley had been fouled, Richardson swung the free kick in with his right foot, and as it curved, Saunders, with pure instinct, thrust out his foot and deflected the ball past Sealey inside the near post.

But United, still looking the sharper talents, still in control of their temper and the tempo, fashioned a rousing finish. Hughes stole a brilliant goal eight minutes from time. Bosnich had failed more than once to reach United corners, and when he did so again Keane tried a shot which hit the back of Hughes; instantly the Welshman controlled the ball, and with his second touch slipped the ball over the line.

Committed as they were to pouring forward, United had nobody but Kanchelskis, the Ukranian winger, back when Daley broke on the left in the final minute. Daley's shot rebounded off the post, Atkinson connected with a thoughtful right-foot shot, and Kanchelskis impulsively prevented the ball from entering the net with his left hand.

The referee, obeying the letter of a very harsh law, gave Kanchelskis a red card, gave Villa a penalty, and Saunders put the game beyond doubt by beating Sealey from the spot.

ASTON VILLA (4-5-1): M Bosnich — E Barrett, P McGrath, S Teale, S Staunton (sub: N Cox, 80min) — D Atkinson, G Fenton, K Richardson, A Townsend, A Daley — D Saunders.
MANCHESTER UNITED (4-5-1): L Sealey — P Parker, S Bruce (sub: B McClair, 83), G Pallister, D Irwin — A Kanchelskis, R Keane, E Cantona, P Ince, R Giggs (sub: L Sharpe, 62) — M Hughes.
Referee: K Cooper (Pontypridd).

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Rolls-Royce of football breaks down

Simon Barnes on the failure of the mighty Manchester United to adjust to a foreign situation at Wembley

Oh dear. We seem to be watching football's equivalent of the fall of the house of Usher. There is always something particularly sad about the sight of a Rolls-Royce parked on the hard shoulder of a motorway. It does not seem right that such a car should be subject to all the woes of normal vehicles.

And neither does it seem fair to the people in the Rolls. Such people, normally protected from life's little inconveniences, have neither the practice nor the resources for dealing with them.

And that is the way it has become for poor Manchester United, rich Manchester United. The Roller was smoking at the roadside, bonnet up, and no one had the remotest idea how to fix it.

For most of this season, it seemed that Manchester United had forgotten how to lose. But sides that remember losing know how to deal with defeat when it comes along.

It all began so well yesterday. But it is strange how the complete slaughter of one team by another can actually end up harming the side doing the slaughtering.

United told a long story of constant attacking, as stylishly as ever, but somehow the punchline never came, no goal followed their most brilliant efforts. And in the end the joke was against them.

A goal down, the aristocrats had to step out from the comfort of their vehicle and get their hands dirty, and they found, again and again, that they had forgotten what to do when things got hard. The soft life of victory after easy victory had taken away their edge.

And part of the edge of any effective football team is mutual understanding; or more than that, mutual trust. And in the repeated struggles of recent matches, the rash of bookings and sendings off, the long weeks in which football had become a harder and harder game, they have lost their way.

Doubt, progressively, has undone United. The inch-perfect passes were yesterday drifting half a yard long; the wriggling runs of Giggs and Kanchelskis ran constantly into walls of opponents; the clever little passes and touches and lay-offs failed by half a foot, half a second.

United, convinced that there was a fault in reality, failed to adjust their set. Again and again, you expected one moment of individual brilliance to restore this one customary picture of perfection. Individual after individual tried; after all United has a team full of brilliance, gifted individuals who were a brilliant team only a few short weeks ago.

And where was the most brilliant and individual player of them all, Eric Cantona, the only existentialist footballer in the Premiership; where was the genius that had lit up so many dull winter afternoons?

Spring is here. Perhaps, like Dracula, he cannot cope with much daylight. We expected him either to get sent off for the third match running, or to score three goals. But yesterday, the most individual thing he did all day was to turn up the collar of his shirt.

Life has soured on him, and United's team mates seem to have soured on each other at the same time.

Perhaps Cantona will console himself by continuing his existentialist reading with a little Sartre: *L'enfer, Ces Les Autres*. Hell is other people.

Caddick strengthens England's position

FROM ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT
IN PORT OF SPAIN

FOR a team that came into this third Test match disregarded and derided, England's position on the third day took some digesting yesterday. Not only had they achieved a first-innings lead for the first time in five Tests in the Caribbean, it was a lead substantial enough to give them distant sight of an improbable victory.

Guided by a four-hour 86 from Graham Thorpe, and given the late bonus of 36 by Ian Salisbury, England survived beyond lunch before being dismissed for 328. The advantage of 76 compared to the 89 they led by on this ground in 1990. As West Indies batted again on an untrustworthy pitch, they were in the unfamiliar position of second favourites, a plight that deepened when Richie Richardson fell for only three and Brian Lara for 12, to a spectacular catch by Salisbury at mid-off, Andy Caddick taking both wickets.

No matter how this match resolves itself now, much has been redeemed since Friday. A tour that looked to be dying on its feet has been revitalised and if this owes something to Richardson, who had it in his power to drain all remaining interest from the contest by bowling first, it also reflects well on England, whose cricket has shown much improved consistency.

The bowling, with Angus Fraser reassuringly to the fore, has not been better all tour and the batting, which spanned more than eight playing hours, for once did not last only as long as it took the fourth wicket to fall. There were stands of 52 for the fifth wicket, 82 for the sixth and even 34 for the tenth. There were also times, significantly, when the admirable patience that characterises this West Indies attack gave way to a frustrated cluelessness.

For this, Richardson could only partly be blamed. He did, however, crucially miss Graeme Hick, third ball, and twice he waited unfathomably long before summoning Curtly Ambrose, who is not only his best bowler but, in this match, has made the others look almost ordinary. After a quiet start to the series, Ambrose has taken 13 wickets, costing 12 runs apiece, in three innings, and if England have to chase more than 200 to win, he will be a formidable obstacle.

On Saturday evening, when the captain was nursing a stomach upset, it was Desmond Haynes who presided over desultory bowling and an over-rate of less than 13 per hour, so deliberate that one would say there must be a heavy fine but for the depressing frequency with which such tardiness is excused. The ball was often thrown from one fielder to another, totally ignored and reluctantly collected from 30 yards distant.

The ball, in fact, was a bone of contention, the West Indians regularly claiming it was soft and out of shape. As the umpires refused to change it, the game degenerated into soporific cat-and-mouse, England clawing their way towards an advantage while West Indies defended until the new ball became due. It was only five overs old when play resumed yesterday and England, still trailing by 16 runs, could not afford to be swept away in familiar fashion. On this surface, so dry that the bowlers kick up dust as they approach and so unreliable that balls of similar length can hit a batsman on the hand and the foot, it was conceivable.

Thorpe resisted the threat with such composure that it hardly seemed possible his inclusion in this match was in doubt. He has worked hard here to correct a technical fault and is now playing much straighter. Keith Fletcher, the manager, has always believed in Thorpe and here was his vindication. The deadpan face beneath the headband, and the striking yellow bat handle, may, after all, be ready to establish a presence.

Jack Russell, his partner in the second-highest stand of the match so far, was everything one would hope of him, his abuse of the batting textbook and his frenetic fidgeting making him a maddening man to bowl at. He was out to a beauty from Ambrose at the start of a spell of three for 18, but Russell had confirmed his nuisance value.

As Richardson maintained a defensive field, Ambrose did his attacking. Chris Lewis was bowled by one that darted back and kept low and Thorpe, in sight of his second Test century, deflected a cruelly rearing ball to first slip. Caddick did not linger but Fraser, concentrating fiercely, clung on while Salisbury played with great judgment, rarely missing out on anything loose. England, at last, were dictating terms to unusually deflated opponents.

PORT OF SPAIN SCORECARD

WEST INDIES: First Innings (overnight: 227 for 7)

†J R Murray not out 27
(131min, 77 balls, 3 fours)
C E L Ambrose c Thorpe b Fraser 13
(39min, 31 balls, 2 fours)
K C G Benjamin b Fraser 9
(10min, 9 balls, 2 fours)
C A Walsh lbw b Lewis 0
(1min, 1 ball)
Extras (b 1, lb 13, w 1, nb 12) 27
Total (423 mins, 95.2 overs) 252

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-86, 2-168, 3-156, 4-163, 5-164, 6-201, 7-212, 8-241, 9-251.

BOWLING: Fraser 24-9-49-4; Caddick 19-5-43-0 (nb 2, w 1); Lewis 25.2-3-61-4 (nb 4); Salisbury 22-4-72-2 (nb 4); Ramprakash 2-1-8-0; Hick 3-1-5-0

Second Innings

D L Haynes not out 18
*R B Richardson c and b Caddick 3
B C Lara c Salisbury b Caddick 12
K L T Arthurton not out 7
Extras 7
Total (2 wkts) 47

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-37.

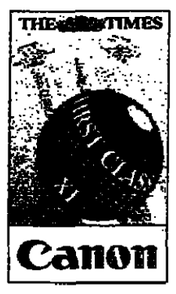
ENGLAND: First Innings

*M A Atherton c Murray b W K M Benjamin 48
(137min, 103 balls, 7 fours)
A J Stewart b Ambrose 8
(28min, 13 balls)
M R Ramprakash c and b W K M Benjamin 29
(85min, 55 balls, 3 fours)
R A Smith lbw b Ambrose 12
(59min, 29 balls, 1 four)
G A Hick lbw b Walsh 40
(106min, 70 balls, 4 fours)
G P Thorpe c Lara b Ambrose 88
(244min, 167 balls, 10 fours)
†R C Russell b Ambrose 23
(133myn, 106 balls)
C C Lewis b Ambrose 9
(28min, 21 balls, 1 four)
I D K Salisbury c Lara b Walsh 36
(92min, 65balls, 5 fours)
A R Caddick c Lara b W K M Benjamin 6
(28min, 24 balls)
A R C Fraser not out 8
(48min, 32 balls)
Extras (b 10, lb 9, w 1, nb 11) 31
Total (504min, 112.2 overs) 326

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-82, 3-87, 4-115, 5-167, 6-249, 7-273, 8-281, 9-294.

BOWLING: Ambrose 29-6-60-5; Walsh 27.2-3-77-2 (nb 8); K C G Benjamin 20-5-70-0 (w 1); W K M Benjamin 22-3-61-3 (nb 2); Adams 4-0-18-0; Chanderpaul 5-0-13-0 (nb 3); Arthurton 3-0-5-0.

Umpires: S A Bucknor and S Venkataraghavan.



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German signals threat to Williams

Schumacher makes light of Senna's home advantage

FROM OLIVER HOLT IN SÃO PAULO

MICHAEL Schumacher signalled a shift in the balance of grand prix power here yesterday when he beat Ayrton Senna in front of the Brazilian driver's home crowd. In an opening race of the Formula One motor racing season that was full of drama and spectacle, the German, 25, served notice that Benetton may be about to end Williams' period of dominance.

Schumacher drove to the third grand prix win of his 39-race career with both steadiness and panache. Only fractions of a second behind the Brazilian throughout the weekend's preliminaries, he turned the tables on his rival during the race after a quicker tyre and refuelling stop gave him an early lead.

The two, who are at opposite ends of a motor-racing generation, stayed within sight of each other throughout the race until the 56th lap when Senna, frustrated by his inability to close the gap on Schumacher, committed a rare error and spun off.

Schumacher eventually finished more than a lap ahead of any other driver. "It is a fantastic result for me," he said. "We did not expect to win this race. But apart from the early stages we did not feel there was any danger." Senna was gracious in defeat. "I controlled the pace early on but it was not to be. It is much more fun driving under the new regulations, much more like real racing," he said.

The closeness of the contest between Senna and Schumacher vindicated the rule changes, outlawing computer-controlled driver aids, introduced by FIA, the international motor sport federation, at the end of last season.

Damon Hill inherited second place and Jean Alesi gave fresh heart to Ferrari with third position. But it was a miserable weekend for the beleaguered McLaren-Peugeot team. Mika Hakkinen retired early with mechanical problems and just when Martin Brundle began climbing up the field, he was the unwitting victim of a spectacular four-car pile-up.

On the 35th lap, Jos Verstappen, in the other Benetton-Ford, moved out to overtake Eddie Irvine's Jordan. Irvine appeared not to see him, moved out into Verstappen's path, and when the two collided the Dutchman's car slewed across the track and cartwheeled on to Brundle's car as he slowed down for a corner. The accident also claimed the Ligier of Eric Bernard. None of the drivers was hurt.

The race had begun perfectly for Senna, starting from the 63rd pole position of his career. He got away clearly and led into the first corner but Schumacher was overtaken by Alesi and the Brazilian sped away.

Alesi and Schumacher then fought out a thrilling two-lap duel. At the end of the first lap, Schumacher passed the Frenchman but when he ran off line, Alesi passed him. A lap later, showers of sparks cascading from the bottom of his car, Schumacher passed him again and Alesi was unable to respond.

Schumacher gradually reduced Senna's lead and the race developed into a private battle between them. By the fifteenth lap, the margin was down to 2.1 seconds and Alesi and Hill, in third and fourth places, were nearly 30 seconds behind.

At the end of that lap, Brundle, whose first weekend in a McLaren-Peugeot had been plagued by throttle problems and who only qualified eighteenth, became the first grand prix driver to stop to refuel for ten years.

A train of refuelling stops began with the required effect of causing frequent changes in the position of the competitors. After Senna and Schumacher entered the pits together on the 21st lap, the German emerged first. Senna held off a concerted attack from Verstappen but by the 26th lap, Schumacher had established a lead of nearly five seconds.

Senna, unable to reduce Schumacher's advantage, made another pit stop on the 44th lap. But Schumacher followed suit on the next lap and the Benetton pit crew beat the Williams time by a second, allowing their man to emerge with an enhanced lead. He was never threatened again.

The race yielded some consolation for Brazil with a fourth place for Rubens Barrichello, in a Jordan, but the surprise of the race was fifth place for Ukyo Katayama, of Tyrrell, who had gained more plaudits for his sense of humour than his driving ability last season.

FINISHERS

1, M Schumacher (Ger), Benetton-Ford, 1hr 35min 38.759sec (avg speed 192.6kph); 2, D Hill (GB), Williams-Renault, at 1 lap; 3, J Alesi (Fr), Ferrari, 1 lap; 4, R Barrichello (Br), Jordan-Hart, 1 lap; 5, U Katayama (Japan), Tyrrell-Yamaha, 2 laps; 6, K Wendlinger (Austria), Sauber-Mercedes, 2 laps; 7, J Herbert (GB), Lotus-Mugen-Honda, 2 laps; 8, P Martini (It), Minardi Scuderia Italia, 2 laps, 9, E Comas (Fr), Larrousse-Ford, 3 laps; 10, P Lamy (Por), Lotus-Mugen-Honda, 3 laps, 11, O Panis (Fr), Ligier-Renault, 3 laps, 12, D Brabham (Aus), Simtek-Ford, 4 laps.
POSITIONS: Drivers: 1, Schumacher 10pts, 2, Hill 6; 3, Alesi 4; 4, Barrichello 3; 5, Katayama 2; 6, Wendlinger 1. Constructors: 1, Benetton-Ford, 10pts; 2, Williams-Renault 6, 3, Ferrari 4; 4, Jordan-Hart 3; 5, Tyrrell-Yamaha 2, 6, Sauber-Mercedes 1.

Short game still troubling Lyle

FROM JOHN HOPKINS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT
IN JACKSONVILLE

IT WAS hot and steamy that March day in 1987, as hot and steamy as it was here in Florida yesterday. Sandy Lyle was playing on the fourth day of the Players' Championship then, just as he was yesterday. The difference was that seven years ago, Lyle won the prestigious title at the Stadium course here, whereas yesterday he was way down the field, at least 17 strokes behind the leader, Greg Norman.

Lyle was two under par as he began the last round, struggling with his putter, as he has done for some weeks now. In the six tournaments he has played this year — three on the European tour and three in the US — it is his touch on the greens that has caused him the most concern. "My confidence is low," Lyle admitted. "I am suffering from a cold putter."

It did not take long for this weakness to rear its head. Lyle birdied the long second, hitting a five iron from a bunker to 15 feet, a shot that was reminiscent of his remarkable stroke from a bunker that set up his victory in the 1988 Masters. Long and outrageous shots like that are meat and drink to Lyle. It is the short ones that cause him the problems.

He turned to play the 162-yard third hole with something approaching confidence and took the honour from his playing partner, Ernie Els. The green is protected by a bunker that runs around it, like a moat around a castle. The wind was blowing from left to right and Lyle's tee shot, hit high and left, was caught in it and blown over the green. His bunker shot ran 25 feet past the flag.

The putt he faced was uphill and on slow greens such as these was not difficult. Lyle sent his ball 12 feet past the hole, missed the return and angrily tapped in for a double bogey five. His best position in the tournament was five under par when he well into his second round. Now he was back to one under par. Norman, meanwhile, was not due to begin his round for another three hours, luxuriating in his four-stroke lead over Fuzzy Zoeller, five over Jeff Maggert and six over Nick Faldo.

He had played solid golf from the moment he started the tournament with a record-equalling 63. He had not dropped a shot for three days and when combined with his last round in his previous tournament he had gone for 80 holes without a bogey.

While Lyle is struggling to find some sustained form, Norman is playing the best golf of his life. For the Australian, it began at last year's Open. "We all took each other up to a new level at Royal St George's," Norman said. "The Open will go down in my memory as one of the greatest golf tournaments ever played because all the top players in the world, regardless of their ranking, were on song. You don't see that very often.

"The beauty of St George's was that the moment we teed off we were all right there ready to play, and I haven't played too many golf championships like that. That was the great thing about it. I can remember so vividly you didn't need to look at a leader board because the gallery told you exactly how you were playing." Since then Norman has played 16 tournaments and only once finished outside the top ten. He, Nick Price and Nick Faldo are unquestionably the three best golfers in the world and they are spurring one another on to new levels.

"It is the trend now, isn't it?" Faldo said. "Everyone is doing everything right. There used to be days when we went out and played and there was something wrong with our games. That has sort of changed in the past couple of years. Guys are going out and hitting their drives well, putting well and scoring well."

All that is, except Lyle. He limped to the turn in 40, four over par, and was two over par for the tournament. He was going backwards. His victory in 1987 seemed more like 70 years than seven years ago.

LYNNE SLADKY



Norman, the third-round leader who is playing the best golf of his life at the Players' Championship

SCORES

US unless stated
LEADERS AFTER THIRD ROUND: 197: G Norman (Aus) 63, 67, 67. 201: F Zoeller 66, 67, 68. 203: J Maggert 65, 69, 69. 204: N Faldo (GB) 67, 69, 68; D Love III 68, 66, 70. 206: G Hallberg 68, 69, 69; B Faxon 68, 68, 70; T Kite 65, 71, 70. 207: H Irwin 67, 70, 70. 208: M Springer 68, 68, 72; C Parry (Aus) 69, 66, 73. 209: D Pruitt 70, 71, 68; V Singh (Fiji) 71, 69, 69, J Mahaffey 71, 73, 65; C Montgomerie (GB) 65, 73, 71; D Barr (Can) 68, 69, 72; H Sutton 67, 68, 74.
210: T Tryba 68, 73, 69; T Sieckmann 73, 68, 69; T Simpson 69, 71, 70; L Janzen 65, 75, 70; L Roberts 68, 71, 71. 211: S Lowery 68, 74, 69; N Henke 73, 69, 69; M Calcavecchia 70, 72, 69; B Estes 70, 71, 70; M Standly 72, 71, 68; W Grady (Aus) 67, 73, 71; J Delsing 67, 73, 71; R Fehr 70, 73, 68; D Edwards 69, 70, 72; N Lancaster 71, 68, 72; J M Olazábal (Sp) 69, 69, 73; C Beck 73, 71, 67.

Davies the trouper saves her best shot for finale

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES
IN RANCHO MIRAGE
CALIFORNIA

THERE is nothing like a dame who hits a golf ball a mile, and at Mission Hills country club here yesterday, Laura Davies, who fits the bill perfectly, was attempting to win the Nabisco Dinah Shore championship, the women's equivalent of the Masters, for the first time.

Davies had a round of 69 on Saturday to trail Donna Andrews, from the golfing mecca of Pinehurst, North Carolina, by one shot.

Out in 32, Davies moved into the lead at 11 under par and, ever the trouper, staged a grand finale. At the 17th, she pulled her seven-iron tee shot into a bunker and had a fearsome shot, from a downhill lie to an elevated green that was as hard as concrete.

She also had to stand above the ball, with her feet more outside the bunker than in. She blasted out to 25 feet beyond the hole, about as close as it was possible to get, and then sank the slippery putt for a magnificent three. The ovation was prolonged.

At the 526-yard 18th, Davies hit her drive over 280 yards, carried the water with her two-iron and two-putted from 40 feet — her second putt was at least ten feet — for a birdie four.

She was asked how long it would be before the queen upgraded her MBE but, ever modest, thought it a remote possibility. "I'm no lady at all," she said.

But she is some golfer.

LEADING THIRD-ROUND SCORES (US unless stated): 208: D Andrews 70, 69, 67. 207: L Davies (GB) 70, 68, 69. 208: M McGann 70, 68, 70. 209: J Stephenson (Aus) 70, 69, 70. 211: B Burton 73, 73, 65; T Green 70, 72, 69. 212: K Robbins 73, 70, 69. 213: M McGeorge 72, 71, 70; D Eggeling 71, 71, 71; N Lopez 68, 72, 73. 214: N Scranton 75, 70, 69; D Dormann 73, 71, 70; H Stacy 72, 72, 70. 215: L Neumann (Swe) 76, 71, 68; D Mochrie 74, 73, 68; G Graham 73, 71, 71; A Okamoto (Japan) 69, 74, 72; V Fergon 69, 74, 72. Others: 218: T Johnson (GB) 77, 70, 71. 219: S Strudwick (GB) 76, 72, 71; H Alfredsson (Swe) 76, 72, 71. 222: P Wright (GB) 74, 76, 72; J Crafter (Aus) 75, 75, 72. 227: A-M Palli (Fr) 76, 74, 77.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

BUDAPEST: World cross country championships: Senior men (12.06km) 1, W Sigei (Ken) 34.29; 2, S Chemoiywa (Kenya) 34:30; 3, H Gebresilasie (Eth) 34:32; 4, P Tergat (Ken) 34:38; 5, K Skah (Mor) 34 56; 6, J Songok (Ken) 35:02; 7, A Abebe (Ethiopia) 35 11: 8, A Mezgebu (Eth) 35:14; 9, S Korona (Ken) 35:15, 10, M Nzawulikura (Rwanda) 35:19. Team: 1, Kenya 34; 2, Morocco 83, 3, Ethiopia 133; 4, Spain 174; 5, Portugal 210; 6, Italy 312; 7, France 319, 8, Great Britain 439. Junior men (8.14-km): P Mosima (Kenya) 24:15. Team: Kenya 18. Senior women (6.22km): 1, H Chepngeno (Kenya) 20 45; 2, C McKiernan (Ire) 20:52; 3, C Ferreira (Port) 20:52; 4, M Denboba (Eth) 20:57; 5, A Diaz (Port) 20:59; 6, E Meyer (SA) 21:00, 7, Z Pieterse (SA) 21:01; 8, F Fates (Fr) 21:05; 9, O Churbanova (Russ) 21:05; 10, F Ribeiro (Port) 21:05. Teams: Portugal 55. Junior women (4 3km): S Barsosio (Kenya) 14min 4sec. Teams: Kenya 11pts, 5, Great Britain 119.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Saturday: LA Clippers 97 Atlanta 94; New York 85 Indiana 82; New Jersey 110 Chicago 87; Cleveland 105 Philadelphia 88; Charlotte 106 Detroit 92; Phoenix 99 Dallas 94, Utah 103 Milwaukee 98
Yesterday: Atlanta 100 Miami 90; Charlotte 121 LA Clippers 109, Washington 100 New Jersey 103; Chicago 90 Indiana 88, Houston 98 Utah 83; Denver 112 Dallas 101, Seattle 113 Minnesota 93, Golden State 101 San Antonio 112
BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Thames Valley Tigers 97 Birmingham Bullets 81.

BOXING

LAS VEGAS: International Boxing Federation Intercontinental junior middleweight championship. 12 round: Paul Vaden (US) bt John Montes (US) points
World Boxing Council Continental Americas featherweight title: Rudy Zavala (US) bt James Lonakor (US), ko 2nd round

CRICKET

AUCKLAND: One-day International: New Zealand 142 (R Chauhan 3-43), India 143-3 (S Tendulkar 82) India win by 7 wkts
SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Sydney: Tasmania 255, New South Wales 381-8 (M Bevan 113, B McNamara 91 not out, M Haywood 73)

CYCLING

AVIGNON, France: Criterium International: Second stage (94.5km Pernes-les-Fontaines to Vidauque) 1, G Furlan (Italy-Gewiss) 2hr 29min 8sec. 2, T Rominger (Switz) at 35sec, 3, Y Berzin (Russ) 35, 4, A Elli (It) 35, 5, S Casagrande (It) 1.22. Third stage (12.5km time trial) 1, Berzin 14min 22sec, 2, Rominger at 3sec; 3, A De las Cuevas (Fr) 8, 4, E Seignour (Fr) 13, 5, Chiappucci 19, 6, Furlan 19. Overall final standings: 1, Furlan 7h 25 01, 2, Rominger 16; 3, Berzin 16, 4, Elli 50, 5, Chiappucci 1 22; 6, De las Cuevas 1 29

EQUESTRIANISM

ZURICH: International Show: Swiss Masters: 1, P Lejeune, Governor (Bel) no faults, 32 18sec, 2, E Navet, Waïti Roxane de Gruchy (Fr) no faults, 35 52sec, 3, M Whitaker, Everest Midnight Madness (GB) 4 faults, 31 04sec.

GOLF

RYE. University match: Oxford 13, Cambridge 2. Singles (Oxford names first): R A Sanders (Merton) lost to M M Williamson (Fitzwilliam), 2 and 1, S R Seman (Merton) bt A J Murray (Jesus), two holes. T J Etridge (St Catherine's) bt J E B Stobbs (St John's), 12 and 11, M S Benka (Lady Margaret Hall) bt O H Turnbull (Clare Hall), 2 and 1, P J Hill (Exeter) bt J Hudson (Christ's), 4 and 3, J T A Martin-Jenkins (Queen's) bt J S Young (Churchill), one hole; J P Malone (Pembroke) lost to J B Tantor (Peterhouse), 6 and 5, B R Payne (St Hugh's) bt F R McCoig (Jesus), 9 and 8, N Pabon (Queen's) bt E C Gilchrist (St John's) 10 and 9, R D Marett (St Anne's) bt G Colgan (Selwyn), 5 and 4
SOUJA: KSB Open (Japanese unless stated) 281: K Takami, 70, 71 67, 73 287: T Kaneko 66, 74, 74, 73. 288: K Maita 67, 76, 76, 69, T Izawa, 77, 70, 70, 71, Z Moe (Burma), 70, 74, 73, 71, T Nakajima, 72, 70, 73, 73. 290: P McWhinney (Aus), 77, 71, 71, 71. C Warren (Aus), 74, 74, 70, 72, M Kimura, 70, 75, 72, 73. Other foreign scores: 291: L Jin-han (S Kor), 71, 76, 74, 70. 292: B Watts (US), 71, 73, 77, 71. 293: S Ginn (Aus), 75, 77, 74, 67; T Hamilton (US), 71, 79, 75, 68. 294: Hsieh Chi-sheng (Tai), 71, 81, 70, 72. 296: K Mattace (US), 78, 74, 73, 71. 297: Chen Tze-ming (Tai), 72, 78, 72, 75. 299: Lin Chie-hsiang (Tai), 70, 78, 76, 75. 300: R Gibson (Can), 79, 73, 78, 70; S Ginson (Sing), 74, 75, 76, 75. 301: R Backwell (Aus), 78, 74, 75, 78. 303: F Minoza (Phil) 69, 75, 79, 80. 305: B Franklin (Can) 81, 71 83, 70. 308: T Gale (Aus), 77, 74 80, 77

GYMNASTICS

BLETCHLEY: British Rhythmic Championships: Seniors: 1, D Southwick (Merseyside) 36.00; 2, A McKenzie (Westminster) 35.25; 3, J Walker (Hillingdon) 34.30, 4, A Deehan (Coventry) 33.25; 5, L Southwick (Merseyside) 32.60; 6, N Moutia (Westminster) 32.15. Juniors: 1, M Wilmott (Hillingdon) 29.10; 2, L Hooper (Spelthorne) 28.80; 3, S McCann (Otley) 28.25.
LIVERPOOL: Women's international match: Great Britain 189.675 Romania 194 675.

HOCKEY

ENGLISH INTER-LEAGUE PLAY-OFFS, Men (at Olton): Group A: Hampstead 1 Crostyx 0; Harborne 1 Olton 0. Standings: 1 Hampstead 6; 2 Crostyx 3; 3 Harborne 3. Group B: Whitchurch 6 Anchorians 1; Doncaster 3 Formby 3. Standings: 1, Whitchurch 6pts; 2, Doncaster 4; 3, Formby 1.
Yesterday
Pool A: Olton and West Warwickshire 1 Hampstead and Westminster 2; Harborne 1 Crostyx 3; Hampstead and Westminster 1 Crostyx 0; Harborne 1 Olton and West Warwickshire 0; Hampstead and Westminster 2 Horborne 1; Crostyx 1 Olton and West Warwickshire 2. Final positions: 1, Hampstead and Westminster 9pts; 2, Crostyx 3pts; 3, Olton and West Warwickshire 3pts; 4, Harborne 3pts. Pool B: Doncaster 3 Anchorians 0; Formby 0 Whitchurch 1; Whitchurch 6 Anchorians 1; Doncaster 3 Formby 3; Whitchurch 0 Doncaster 2; Anchorians 2 Formby 3. Final positions: 1, Doncaster 7pts; 2, Whitchurch 6pts; 3, Formby 4pts; 4, Anchorians 0.
WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier Division: Chelmsford 1 Balsam Leicester 2; Clifton 0 Sutton Coldfield 1; Hightown 0 Ipswich 2; Slough 2 Ealing 0. Standings (after 13 matches). 1, Leicester 29; 2, Ipswich 27, 3, Slough 25. First division: Bluehearts 1 Pickwick 0; Bracknell 4 Wimbledon 1; Bradford 1 Trojans 1; Exmouth 1 Doncaster 0. Standings: 1, Bracknell 24; 2, Trojans 23; 3, Wimbledon 20. Second division: Canterbury 1 Sherwood 1; Colwall 0 Harleston M 0; Great Harwood 1 Woking 1; Sunderland Bedans 0 Olton 1. Standings: 1, Canterbury 26, 2, Bedans 23; 3, Sherwood 20
HOME COUNTRIES SCHOOLGIRLS CHAMPIONSHIPS (at Neath): Under 18: England 4 Ireland 0; England 5 Wales 0. Under 16: England 0 Ireland 1, Scotland 0 Wales 0.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Buffalo 8 Hartford 3; Detroit 2 Washington 2 (OT); St Louis 5 Dallas 3; San Jose 8 Winnipeg 3; Los Angeles 4 Edmonton 3 (OT); NY Rangers 5 Vancouver 2; NY Islanders 1 Florida 3; Boston 6 Montreal 3; New Jersey 7 Philadelphia 2; Hartford 2 Anaheim 3; Calgary 5 Pittsburgh 3; Toronto 6 Quebec 3.
BRITISH LEAGUE, Premier division: Billingham 4 Whitley Bay 11; Fife 14 Basingstoke 4; Humberside 4 Sheffield 5; Murrayfield 12 Durham 3; Nottingham 5 Bracknell 1. First division: Chelmsford 7 Blackburn 4; Dumfries 18 Oxford 5; Milton Keynes 6 Telford 7; Paisley 11 Solihull 8; Slough 17 Guildford 8; Streatham 5 Romford 7; Swindon 9 Medway 7.

ICE SKATING

CHIBA, Japan: World figure skating championships: Women's final: 1, Y Sato (Japan) 1.5 ps; 2, S Bonaly (Fr) 3.0; 3, T Szewczenko (Ger) 5.0; 4, M Kielmann (Ger) 6.5; 5, J Chouinard (Can) 8.5; 6, E Liashenko (Ukr) 9.0; 7, M-P Leray (Fr) 13.0; 8, M Kwan (US) 13.5; 9, S Humphreys (Can) 14.0; 10, O Markova (Russ) 14.5, 11, M Kejas (Fin) 17 0, 12, K Czako (Hun) 19.0.

LACROSSE

CHOBHAM: Women's All England Clubs and Colleges tournament: Semi-finals: Centaurs 2 Guildford 0; West London 1 Birmingham University 2 (aet). Final: Birmingham University 4 Centaurs 3.

MODERN PENTATHLON

TONBRIDGE: Oxford v Cambridge University match: Men: 1, K Shindler (Oxford) 5240pts (shoot 940, fence 1100, swim 1160, ride 1070, run 970); 2, J Stephens (Cambridge) 5125; 3, A George (Oxford) 5090; 4, E Egan (Oxford) 4993, 5, J Dixon (Cambridge) 4949, 6, J Whetman (Cambridge) 4915 Women: 1, J Allen (Cambridge) 5479pts (record) (892, 1000, 1288, 1094, 1205); 2, M van den Bark (Oxford) 4789, 3, M Carpenter (Oxford) 4745, 4, L Blacking (Cambridge) 4653; 5, L Wilcocks (Oxford) 4630; 6, L Muirhead (Cambridge) 4471. Match: Men: Cambridge 28273 pts (record) Oxford 26947 Women: Cambridge 22634pts (record) Oxford 20830.

MOTOR CYCLING

SYDNEY: Australian grand prix: 125 cc: 1 K Sakata (Japan) Aprilia 43 min 05.474 sec; 2, P Oettl (Ger) Aprilia at 5 199 secs; 3, G McCoy (Aus) Aprilia at 11.537. Fastest lap: Sakata 1:37.908 (144.503 kph). 250cc: 1, M Biaggi (It) Aprilia 43:42.148; 2, D Romboni (It) Honda at 0.658 secs; 3, L Capirossi (It) Honda at 0.896. Fastest lap: Biaggi 1.32.658 (152.691kph). 500cc: 1, J Kocinski (US) Cagiva 46:10.346; 2, L Cadalora (It) Yamaha at 6.792 sec; 3, M Doohan (Aus) Honda at 8 882. British: 10, J Reynolds Yamaha1 at 25.167; 13, S Emmet Yamaha one lap behind.

NETBALL

FEDERATION OF EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS: Seniors: England 48 Wales 34. Under 18: England 69 Wales 21.

POWERBOATING

WINDERMERE: Class Two: C Burnett (London) 124.07mph (record).

REAL TENNIS

QUEEN'S CLUB: Maitre d'Estournel: European Group One: M Devine and K Sheldon bt A Phillips and N Pendrigh 6-3, 4-6, 6-1. Group Two: J Snow and N Wood bt C Bray and M Gooding 0-6, 6-4, 6-5. Semi-final: Devine and Sheldon bt Snow and Wood 5-6, 4-6, 6-2, 6-5, 6-1. Doubles Championship, Semi-finals (British unless stated): W Davies (Aus) L Meucher (Aus) bt C Bray and W Gooding 3-6, 6-1, 6-1, 6-1; M Devine and K Sheldon bt J Snow and N Wood 5-6, 4-6, 6-2, 6-5, 6-1. Final: Davies and Deucher bt Sheldon and Devine 6-3, 6-5, 6-2.

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB: British Public Schools Doubles Championships: Senior Event: Haileybury (R Walker and D Cruickshank) bt Harrow (J Deucher and S Roundell) 15-10, 15-7, 15-11, 15-2; Marlborough (R Spender and A Wade) bt Wellington (M Parry and D Kinder) 15-10, 15-13, 15-5, 15-7; Tonbridge (C Charlton and C Walsh) bt Radley (E Behn and J Veysey) 15-9, 15-3, 15-8, 15-8; Rugby (C Roberds and R Carter) bt Wellington II 15-11, 15-11, 15-4, 15-4.
Junior Colts: Semi-Finals: Eton (G Smith-Bingham and H Loudon) bt Tonbridge (J Rowe and P Gordon) 15-6, 15-3, 15-4; Wellington (A Clowes and J Clowes) bt Radley (B Dean and A West) 4-15, 15-7, 17-14, 2-15, 15-12. Final: Eton bt Wellington 15-3, 18-16, 15-8. Colts event, Semi-finals: Eton (N Bailey and P Wigan) bt Winchester (E Craig and H Lloyd Owen) 15-11, 15-3, 15-10, 8-15, 15-1; Malvern (A Falconer and M Hardinges) bt Tonbridge (J Pyemont and N Finlay) 15-10, 8-15, 2-15, 15-9, 15-10, 16-17, 15-8. Second pairs championship: Wellington (S Gorringe and R George) bt Eton (E Bomfor and D Palmer-Tomkinson) 14-17, 15-12, 16-13, 15-11, 15-10.
First pairs: quarter-finals: Charterhouse T Drayson and B Cox bt Marlborough (R Spender and A Wade) 8-15, 18-16, 15-4, 15-8, 15-5.

RIFLE SHOOTING

DORTMUND: Westphalia International meeting, Junior Men's 3-positions rifle: 1, A Bzieher (Westphalia), 1143; 2, R Schuler (Westphalia), 1140; 3, J Simcock (GB), 1137; 5, L Gartside, (GB), 1124.
BISLEY: Teams of eight (300, 600, 900 and 1,000yds): 1, London and Middlesex, 1489.141 (R Betts 191.20); 2, UK Police, 1438.106 (P West 186.16). North London RC: Chairman's Prize (300 yds): 1, Lt Cmd P Wrigley, 50.6; 2, T Brooking, 49.8, 3, M Parker, 49.7

ROWING

HEAD OF THE RIVER: 1, Munster (Ger) 16min 55.02sec; 2, Leander I 16.57 08 (winner of Page Trophy), 3, London I 17:6.25 (winner of Vernon Trophy); 4, Molesey I 17:9.93; 5, University of London I 17.11.32; 6, Nottinghamshire County RA I 17:11.82; 7, Imperial College I 17:14 62 (winner of Senior I); 8, Muelheim (Ger) II 17:21.25; 9, Nottingham County II 17:22.89; 10, London II 17:25.79; 11, Leander II 17:28.87; 12, Dutch National Lightweight Squad 17:29.79; 13, University of London II 17.33.11, 14, Oxford Brookes University I 17.33.20 (winner of Ortner Shield); 15, Neptune, Dublin 17:36.22; 16, Berliner (Ger) 17:37.49; 17, Imperial College II 17:38.15 (winner of Senior II); 18, Rauxel (Ger) 17:38.65; 19, Agecroft I 17.38.71 (winner of Jackson Trophy); 20, Molesey II 17.40.30. Other division winners: Senior III: 45th Kingston Grammar School I 18:08.21. Fastest University Second Crew: 48th Oxford Brookes II 18:09.84. Novice: 79th Imperial College IV 18:33.36.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Championship
First division

Castleford 18 Halifax 26
Castleford: Tries: Hay, Sampson, Steadman. Goals: Crooks 3. Halifax: Tries: Divorty, Hagen, Preston, Schuster. Goals: Schuster 5. Att: 6,063.

Oldham 22 Featherstone 8
Oldham: Tries: Abram, Gibson, Lindner, Ranson. Goals: Topping 3. Featherstone: Tries: Ropati. Goals: Pearson 2. Att: 3,893.

Sheffield 10 Wigan 5
Sheffield: Try: Aston. Goals: Aston 3. Wigan: Try: Connolly. Dropped goal: Botica. Att: 5,500.

Wakefield 10 Hull 8
Wakefield: Tries: Sodje, Wilson. Goal: Paul. Hull: Try: G Nolan. Goals: Hewitt 2. Att: 2,966.

Warrington 18 Salford 14
Warrington: Tries: Ellis, Myler. Goals: Davies 5. Salford: Tries: Blease, Critchley, Evans. Goal: Blakeley. Att: 4,587.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bradford	23	19	0	4	618	407	38
Warrington	25	19	0	6	502	337	38
Wigan	22	17	0	5	578	317	34
Castleford	24	16	1	7	651	380	33
Halifax	24	14	2	8	632	425	30
St Helens	23	13	1	9	486	407	27
Sheffield	24	13	1	10	519	531	27
Widnes	24	12	0	12	429	489	24
Leeds	23	11	1	11	452	442	23
Featherstone	25	11	1	13	517	545	23
Hull	24	9	2	13	348	388	20
Salford	25	9	0	16	440	523	18
Wakefield	25	8	1	16	351	527	17
Oldham	25	7	1	17	446	516	15
Hull KR	25	7	0	18	418	688	14
Leigh	25	2	1	22	304	688	5

Second division

Carlisle	14	Huddersfield	21
Dewsbury	12	Ryedale York	18
Doncaster	42	Swinton	0
Highfield	12	Whitehaven	46
Keighley	6	Batley	22
London Crus	64	Bramley	0
Rochdale	24	Barrow	14
Workington	24	Hunslet	4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Workington	25	18	2	5	584	299	38
Doncaster	25	18	1	6	646	426	37
Huddersfield	25	18	0	7	588	418	36
Batley	25	17	1	7	570	393	35
London Crus	25	16	2	7	680	455	34
Keighley	25	16	1	8	674	352	33
Dewsbury	25	15	1	9	680	357	31
Ryedale Yk	25	15	1	9	551	406	31
Rochdale	25	14	0	11	586	446	28
Whitehaven	25	11	4	10	458	364	26
Barrow	25	12	1	12	484	610	25
Swinton	25	9	0	16	408	567	18
Carlisle	25	8	0	17	448	716	16
Hunslet	25	2	1	22	337	684	5
Bramley	25	2	0	23	320	733	4
Highfield	25	1	1	23	234	990	3

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Premier division: Askam 42 Nottingham City 12; Blackpool 16 Egremont 26; Chorley 48 West Hull 8; Hemel Hempstead 32 Dudley Hill 6; Leigh MW 24 Wigan St Patricks 10.

SWIMMING

PARIS: World Cup, final round: Saturday: Men: 100m freestyle: 1, A Popov (Russ), 47.91; 2, A Holmertz (Swe), 48.74; 3, C Kalfayan (Fr), 48.99. 400m freestyle: 1, J Hoffmann (Ger), 3:45.81; 2, S Zesner (Ger), 3:46.32; 3, E Sadovyi (Rus), 3:47.76; 7, P Bavister (GB), 3:53.34. 100m backstroke: 1, A Popov (Rus), 52.56sec (European record); 2, F Schott (Fra), 53.16; 3, V Selkov (Rus), 53.43. 50m breaststroke: 1, A Djaburia (Ukr), 27.20sec (European record); 2, V Ivanov (Rus), 27.28; 3, R Dekker (Holl), 27.57. 200m breaststroke: 1, N Gillingham (GB), 2:10.41; 2, C Penicaud (Fr), 2:11.14; 3, S Remy (Bel), 2:12.48. 50m butterfly: 1, M Foster (GB), 23.93; 2, B Gutzeit (Fr), 24.24; 3, P Khnykin (Ukr), 24.26. 200m butterfly: 1, F Esposito (Fr), 1:53.05sec; 2, M Stewart (US), 1:54.37; 3, D Pankratov (Rus), 1:55.62. 100m medley: 1, X Marchand (Fr), 55.51; 2, F Lefevre (Fr), 55.82; 3, R Seibt (Ger), 55.70. 400m medley: 1, R Seibt (Ger), 4:10.89; X Marchand (Fr), 4:14 03; 3, S Dorogov (Ukr), 4:14.36. Women: 50m freestyle: 1, F van Almsick (Ger), 24.97; 2, R Elwani (Egypt), 25.42; 3, J Bleise (Fr), 25.62. 200m freestyle: 1, F van Almsick (Ger), 1:58.52; 2, M Moravcova (Slovakia), 1:57.57; 3, R Alwani (Egypt), 1:59 38; (heat, S Hardcastle (GB), 1:59.23, did not race final). 800m freestyle: 1, S Hardcastle (GB), 8:27.68; 2, M Nilsson (Swe), 8:35.24; 3, A Astruc (Fr), 8:40.64. 50m backstroke: 1, S Voelker (Ger), 27.95sec; 2, N Zhivanevskaya (Rus), 28 67; 3, A Scholz (Ger), 29.30. 200m backstroke: 1, L Vigarani (It), 2:07.30 (European record); 2, C Rund (Ger), 2:09.64; 3, A Scholz (Ger), 2:11.59. 100m breaststroke: 1, B Becue (Bel), 1.08.87, 2, K Rake (GB), 1:09.31; 3, A Heinrich (Fr), 1:09.58. 100m butterfly: 1, J Arney (Can), 1:00.47; 2, J Delord (Fr), 1:00.97; 3, S Greenep (GB), 1.02.27. 200m medley: 1, M Limpert (Can), 2:12.88; 2, H Cerna (Cz), 2.13.88, 3, D Shmeleva (Rus), 2:14.94.
Yesterday
Men: 50m freestyle: 1, A Popov (Rus), 21.61: 2, M Foster (GB), 21.97; 3, C Kalfayan (Fr), 22.22. 200m freestyle: 1, A Holmertz (Swe), 1:45.24; 2, V Pyshnenko (Rus), 1:45.75; 3, L Poirot (Fr), 1:46.37. 800m freestyle: 1, S Zesner (Ger), 7:47 72; 2, J Hoffmann (Ger), 7:49.29; 3, E Sadovyi (Rus), 3:57.66. 50m backstroke: 1, F Schott (Fr), 24.60sec (world record); 2, A Popov (Rus), 24.65; 3, V Selkov (Rus), 24.83. 200m backstroke: 1, V Selkov (Rus), 1:53 64; 2, T Weber (Ger), 1:55 37; 3, E Merisi (It), 1:57.24. 100m breaststroke: 1, A Djaburia (Ukr), 59.68; 2, A Cecchi (It), 1:00 67; 3, V Ivanov (Rus), 1:00.92; 5, N Gillingham (GB), 1.01.36. 100m butterfly: 1, F Esposito (Fr), 52 69; 2, D Pankratov (Rus), 52.82; 3, D Kalchev (Bul), 53.34. 200m medley: 1, X Marchand (Fr), 1:57.95; 2, S Dorogov (Ukr), 1:58.88, 3, R Seibt (Ger), 1:59 23. Women: 100m freestyle: 1, F van Almsick (Ger), 54.23sec; 2, M Moracova (Slovakia), 54 52; 3, R Elwani (Egypt), 55.24. 400m freestyle: 1, S Hardcastle (GB), 4:07.61; 2, C Guerts (Holl), 4:10.81; 3, E Abraham (Ger), 4:11.97 100m backstroke: 1, S Voelker (Ger), 59.97sec (European record), 2, N Zhivanevskaya (Rus), 1:01 17; 3, L Vigarani (It), 1.01 35. 50m breaststroke: 1, K Rake (GB), 31.99, 2, A Heinrich (Fr), 32.26, 3, C Leblond (Fr), 32 54. 200m breaststroke: 1, B Becue (Bel), 2:26.90, 2, A Xejzar (Slovenia), 2:27.12, 3, L Manhalova (Cz), 2:30.78. 50m butterfly: 1, F van Almsick (Ger), 27.35; 2, J Delord (Fr), 27.53; 3, M Moravcova (Slovakia), 27.54; 7, S Greenep (GB), 28.78. 200m butterfly: 1, K Jaks (Ger), 2:13.05; 2, J Arantes (Por), 2:13.43; 3, U Wikstrom (Swe), 2:15.51. 100m medley: 1, M Limpert (Can), 1:02.72; 2, C Bonnet (Fr), 1.03.82, 3, A Hanel (Ger), 1:04.45. 400m medley: 1, M Smith (Ire), 4:36.84 (Irish record); 2, H Cerna (Cz), 4:39.24; 3, D Shmeleva (Rus), 4:45 51.

TABLE TENNIS

BIRMINGHAM: European championships: Men: Category two, Group C: Ireland 4 Scotland 2, (Ireland first), A Dennison lost E Walker 13-21, 18-21; C Slevin bt J Broe 22-20, 21-16; H Meneely lost to I Stokes 19-21, 18-21, Slevin and Meneely bt Stokes and Walker 21-13, 21-18; Slevin bt Walker 21-14, 21-13, Meneely bt Broe 21-18, 14-21, 21-14; Denmark 4 Luxembourg 2. Group D: Switzerland 4 Cyprus 0. Romania 4 Bulgaria 1, Group E: Belarus 4 Estonia 0; Slovakia 4 Liechtenstein 0. Group F: Ukraine 4 Iceland 0; Slovenia 4 Finland 1. Group G: Portugal 4 Isle of Man 0 (R Roberto bt A Home 21-13, 21-12; R Allar bt I Gorham 21-9, 21-7; A Silva bt E Watterson 21-12, 21-7; P Rufino and Silva bt J Shooter and Gorham 21-12, 21-15; Israel 4 Malta 0; Italy 4 Croatia 3. Group H: Armenia wo Albania; Turkey 4 Spain 3; Bosnia-Herzegovina 4 Norway 1.
Women: Category one, Group B: Italy 4 Slovakia 1; England 4 France 2. (England first) A Gordon lost to X Wang-Drechou 17-21, 21-14, 18-21; L Lomas bt A Boileau 21-13 24-22. A Holt lost to E Coubat 18-21, 14-21, Lomas and Holt bt Wang-Drechou and Coubat 21-11, 21-16; Lomas bt Wang-Drechou 22-20, 17-21, 25-23. Hold bt Boileau 21-5 21-14); Hungary 4 Holland 2. Group C: Wales 4 Isle of Man 0 (N Williams bt L Taggart 21-5, 21-4; S Evans bt M Bubb 21-14, 21-8; B Daunton bt J Owen 21-13, 21-8; Williams and M Davies bt Bubb and Owen 21-17, 19-21, 21-18. Group F: Greece 4 Ireland 0 (K Antiopoulou bt J Thompson 21-13, 21-23, 21-17; D Zerdila bt J Hughes 21-4, 21-4; M Mirou bt T Bollard 21-13, 21-9, Mirou and Antopoulou bt Thompson and Bollard 21-19 21-13).
Category two: Group C: Armenia 4 Norway 1, Austria 4 Finland 1. Group D: Czech Rep 4 Belorus 1, Slovenia 4 Poland 1. Scotland 4 San Marino 0, (J Smith bt G Mina 21-11, 21-14; S Hurry bt R Monaldini 23-21, 21-16; D Walker bt D Yi 21-10, 21-14; Smith and Hurry bt Monaldini and Mina 21-19, 21-9). Group E: Lithuania 4 Spain 0, Ukraine 4 Latvia 0; Estonia 4 Portugal 1. Group F: Bulgaria 4 Denmark 1.

TENNIS

DAVIS CUP: World Group, first round: New Delhi: India lost to United States 5-0. St Petersburg: Russia bt Australia 4-1. Madrid: Spain bt Italy 4-1. Eindhoven: Holland lead Belgium 4-0. Tel Aviv: Czech Republic lead Israel 3-1. Besancon: France bt Hungary 4-1. Lund: Sweden bt Denmark 5-0. Graz: Austria level with Germany 2-2.

FIXTURES

7.30 kick-off unless stated

FOOTBALL

FA Carling Premiership
Sheffield United v West Ham United (8.0)

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Bridlington Town v Accrington Stanley; Droylsden v Hyde.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Chelmsford v Bashley.

PONTINS LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Newcastle v Leicester City. Second division: Manchester City v Stoke (6.45): Oldham v Burnley; Rotherham v Bradford.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Charlton v Luton (at Welling, 7.0), Chelsea v Ipswich (7.0); Crystal Palace v Bristol City (2 0); Millwall v Brighton (at Dulwich Hamlet, 2.0). Second division: Birmingham v Cheltenham (7.0) League Cup: Plymouth v Bournemouth.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: First division: Caernarfon Town v Spennymoor Utd; Guiseley v Harrogate Town. First Division Cup: Semi-final, first leg: Ashton Utd v Goole Town.

DIADORA LEAGUE: First division: Ruislip Manor v Purfleet.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Glamorgan Wanderers v Glamorgan County (7.0).

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Birmingham v Guildford; Sunderland v London; Worthing v Derby.

OTHER SPORT

TABLE TENNIS: European championships (National Indoor Arena, Birmingham).

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WEEKEND RUGBY UNION RESULTS AND TABLES

Courage Clubs Championship
First division

Gloucester 6 Bristol 24
Gloucester: Pens: Fenwick 2. Bristol: Tries: Kitchin 2, Saverimutto Cons: Tainton 3 Dropped goal: Tainton

Harlequins 13 Leicester 25
Harlequins: Try: Keyter. Con: Challinor Pens: Challinor 2. Leicester: Tries: Back, Potter, Richards. Cons: Harris 2. Pens: Harris 2

Newcastle G 5 Bath 29
Newcastle Gosforth: Try: Corry. Bath: Tries: Haag 2, Catt, Sanders. Cons: Callard 3. Pen: Callard.

Orrell 27 Northampton 6
Orrell: Tries: Naylor 2, Johnson, Langford. Con: Ainscough, Langford. Pen: Ainscough. Northampton: Pens: Grayson 2.

Wasps 21 L Irish 22
Wasps: Tries: Greenstock, Maddock Con: Maddock. Pens: Maddock 2. Dropped goals: Davies. London Irish: Try: Corcoran. Con: Corcoran. Pens: Corcoran 5.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bath	15	14	0	1	363	131	28
Leicester	15	13	0	2	359	153	26
Wasps	15	8	1	6	298	272	17
Harlequins	15	7	0	8	289	215	14
Bristol	14	7	0	7	233	217	14
Northampton	15	7	0	8	232	292	14
Orrell	14	6	0	8	228	222	12
Gloucester	15	5	2	8	194	274	12
L Irish	14	4	0	10	158	281	8
Newcastle G.	14	0	1	13	122	389	1

LEADING SCORERS: 183: J Harris (Leicester; 2 tries, 16 conversions, 36 penalty goals, 11 dropped goals). 159: R Andrew (Wasps; 2t, 16c, 38pg, 1dg). 157: J Callard (Bath; 4t, 22c, 31pg). 132: P Grayson (Northampton, 2t, 10c, 33pg; 1dg) 109: K Bray (Harlequins; 1t, 7c, 30pg). 108: M Tainton (Bristol; 14c, 25pg, 1dg). 69: T Smith (Gloucester: 6c, 18pg, 1dg). 68: S Langford (Orrell; 1t, 8c, 15pg).

Second division

L Scottish 11 Wakefield 37
London Scottish: Tries: Cronin. Pens: Walker 2. Wakefield: Tries: Thompson 2, Cowling, Stewart. Cons: Jackson 4. Pens: Jackson 3

Sale 13 Moseley 16
Sale: Tries: Mallinder, Verbickas. Pen: Turner. Moseley: Tries: Becconsall. Con: Hodgkinson. Pens: Hodgkinson 3.

Saracens 31 Otley 19
Saracens: Tries: Harries 2, Dawes, Langley. Con: Tunningley. Pens: Tunningley 3. Otley: Try: Rutledge. Con: Rutledge. Pens: Rutledge 3. Dropped goals: Petyt.

Waterloo 19 Rugby 17
Waterloo: Tries: Greenhalgh. Con: Swindells. Pens: Swindells 4. Rugby: Tries: Riley, Watson. Cons: Mapletoft 2. Pen: Mapletoft.

W Hartlepool 13 Nottingham 23
West Hartlepool: Try: Wrigley. Con: Stabler. Pens: Oliphant, Stabler. Nottingham: Tries: Bradley, Smallwood. Cons: Gregory 2. Pens: Gregory 2. Dropped goal: Gregory.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
W Hartlepool	15	12	1	2	334	216	25
Sale	15	11	1	3	358	123	23
Saracens	15	10	1	4	243	199	21
Wakefield	15	6	3	6	284	192	15
Moseley	15	7	0	8	221	191	14
Nottingham	15	6	1	8	197	246	13
Waterloo	15	6	1	8	198	295	13
Rugby	15	4	1	10	150	249	9
Otley	15	4	1	10	199	378	9
L Scottish	15	4	0	11	179	274	8

LEADING SCORERS: 139: G Gregory (Nottingham; 1 try, 7 conversions, 35 penalty goals, 5 dropped goals). 134: A Tunningley (Saracens, 4t, 12c, 30pg). 111: P Turner (Sale, 1t, 23c, 19pg, 1dg) 110: S Swindells (Waterloo; 4c, 34pg) 106: P Rutledge (Otley; 3t, 8c, 25pg). 103: J Stabler (West Hartlepool; 1t, 16c, 20pg, 2dg).

Third division

Blackheath 22 Exeter 5
Blackheath: Try: Howard. Con: Harris. Pens: Harris 5. Exeter: Try: Maunder.

Coventry 23 Richmond 20
Coventry: Tries: Angell, Crofts, Hickey. Con: Angell. Pens: Angell 2. Richmond: Tries: Della-Savina, Hornung. Cons: Hoad 2. Pens: Hoad 2.

Havant 10 Fylde 22
Havant: Try: Roach. Con: Russell. Pen: Russell. Fylde: Tries: Anderton, Greatorex, Hanavan, Parker. Con: Parker.

Morley 18 Bedford 17
Morley: Tries: Lang 2, Massey. Pen: Jenkins. Bedford: Tries: Whetstone 2, Skingsley. Con: Finnie.

Redruth 9 Rosslyn Pk 39
Redruth: Pens: Blake 2. Dropped goal: Whitworth. Rosslyn Park: Tries: Roiser 2, Allison, Giffen, Holder, Pickup. Cons: Abraham 3. Pen: Abraham.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Coventry	15	12	0	3	309	222	24
Fylde	15	10	0	5	257	193	20
Blackheath	15	9	0	6	252	183	18
Bedford	14	9	0	5	245	199	18
Rosslyn Pk	14	8	1	5	287	180	17
Exeter	15	8	1	6	269	228	17
Richmond	15	8	0	7	292	226	16
Morley	15	5	0	10	213	276	10
Havant	15	3	0	12	178	368	6
Redruth	15	1	0	14	144	371	2

LEADING SCORERS: 125: A Green (Exeter; 3 tries, 16 conversions, 24 penalty goals, 2 dropped goals). 115: A Finnie (Bedford; 11c, 29pg, 2dg) 104: R Angell (Coventry; 1t, 15c, 22pg, 1dg). 100: J Grayshon (Morley; 11c, 23pg, 3dg). 90: M Livesey (Richmond; 1t, 14c, 17pg, 2dg). A Parker (Fylde; 2t, 13c, 18pg). 73: J Hoad (Richmond; 1t, 10c, 16pg). 66: S Burns (Blackheath; 2t, 4c, 16pg).

Fourth division

Aspatria	16	Liverpool St H	10
Broughton Pk	16	Sudbury	26
Clifton	33	Sheffield	11
Harrogate	53	Plymouth	22
Leeds	9	Askeans	19

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Clifton	15	13	2	0	403	163	28
Harrogate	14	11	2	1	329	154	24
Liverpool SH	14	10	0	4	335	200	20
Aspatria	15	7	0	8	218	247	14
Plymouth	14	7	0	7	209	326	14
Leeds	15	6	0	9	190	241	12
Broughton Pk	15	5	0	10	205	302	10
Askeans	14	4	1	9	191	261	9
Sheffield	15	4	0	11	238	282	8
Sudbury	15	3	1	11	190	326	7

Fifth division north

Bradford	6	Lichfield	7
Hereford	10	Nuneaton	25
Stoke-on-Trent	11	Kendal	5
Stourbridge	19	Birmingham	3
Walsall	23	Rotherham	27
Winnington Pk	66	Durham	3

Fifth division south

Met Police	19	Berry Hill	9
N Walsham	8	Camborne	13
Reading	17	H Wycombe	0
Southend	13	L Welsh	15
Tabard	17	Lydney	16
Weston-s-Mare	18	Basingstoke	22

Heineken Welsh League
First division

Bridgend 59 Aberavon 20
Bridgend: Tries: Bradshaw 2, Webbe 2, Bryant, Daley, Gale, P Jones, Lewis, Spender. Cons: Howley, Lewis, Wilkins. Pen: Lewis. Aberavon: Try: Bucknall, Thomas. Cons: Beeb 2. Pens: Beeb 2.

Llanelli 27 Dunvant 20
Llanelli: Tries: Boobyer, L Davies, Evans, P Jones, Strange. Con: Strange. Dunvant: Tries: Hopkins, Williams. Cons: Thomas 2. Pens: Thomas 2.

Neath 47 Newbridge 20
Neath: Tries: R Jones 2, Reynolds 2, Woodland 2, Thorburn. Cons: Thorburn 2, Bird. Pens: Thorburn 2. Newbridge: Tries: Harding, Roberts. Cons: Green 2. Pen: Green. Dropped goal: Green.

Newport 22 Swansea 27
Newport: Tries: Goodey, Lewis. Pens: G Rees 4. Swansea: Tries: Arnold, Clement, Simon Davies, Reynolds, Withers. Con: Withers.

Pontypool 16 Cardiff 17
Pontypool: Try: Ring. Con: Ring. Pens: Ring 2. Dropped goal: Ring. Cardiff: Tries: Hill, Walker. Cons: Rayer 2. Pen: Rayer.

Pontypridd 25 Cross Keys 5
Pontypridd: Tries: Back, John, Penalty. Cons: Cormack 2. Pens: Cormack 2. Cross Keys: Tries: Powell.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swansea	19	17	0	2	477	236	34
Pontypridd	18	15	1	3	527	270	31
Neath	19	15	1	3	495	255	31
Cardiff	19	14	1	4	605	182	29
Llanelli	18	12	1	5	417	295	25
Bridgend	18	8	1	9	380	360	17
Newbridge	18	7	1	10	315	353	15
Newport	19	6	1	12	303	424	13
Aberavon	18	5	1	12	212	399	11
Dunvant	19	5	0	14	252	423	10
Pontypool	19	4	0	15	259	596	8
Cross Keys	19	0	0	19	201	650	0

Second division

Abertillery	19	Glamorgan W	6
Llandovery	25	Ebbw Vale	0
Llanharan	21	Tenby Utd	13
Narberth	12	Mt Ash	8
Penarth	10	Maesteg	6
S Wales Pol	13	Treorchy	10

McEwan's League
First division

Gala 22 Hawick 21
Gala: Tries: Corcoron, Waddell. Pens: Maitland 3. Dropped goal: Maitland. Hawick: Tries: Stanger, Suddon, Willison. Pens: Oliver 2.

Kelso 20 Stirling Co 18
Kelso: Try: Aitchison. Pens: Aitchison 5. Stirling County: Tries: Brough, Logan. Con: Logan. Pens: Logan 2.

Melrose 29 Jed-Forest 22
Melrose: Tries: G Parker 2, Brown, C Redpath. Cons: G Parker 3. Pen: G Parker. Jed-Forest: Tries: Yule. Con: C Richards. Pens: C Richards 5.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Melrose	13	12	0	1	410	192	24
Gala	12	9	0	3	274	214	18
Edinburgh Ac	13	8	1	4	264	183	17
Heriots FP	12	7	0	5	230	224	14
Watsonians	13	7	0	6	276	337	14
Stirling Co	12	6	1	5	227	163	13
Hawick	12	6	1	5	218	178	13
Jed-Forest	13	6	0	7	231	199	12
Currie	12	6	0	6	230	284	12
Stewarts Mel.	13	5	1	7	157	190	11
Boroughmuir	12	5	0	7	214	228	10
W of Scotland	13	4	1	8	237	279	9
Kelso	13	4	0	9	175	298	8
Selkirk	13	0	1	12	139	312	1

Second division

Ayr	10	Dundee HSFP	27
Clarkston	27	Musselburgh	8
Glasgow Ac	62	Haddington	16

Alloa Brewery Cup
First round

W of Scotland	40	Wigtownshire	3
Portobello FP	8	Stewarts Mel FP	28
Biggar	30	Preston Lodge	12

Representative match

Royal Navy	6	Army	18

CLUB MATCH: Madstone 6 Eton Manor 12.

Pickard criticises LTA after emphatic defeat by Portugal

Britain sink to new low in Davis Cup


Petchey: overwhelmed

FROM STUART JONES TENNIS CORRESPONDENT IN OPORTO

AS BRITAIN settled at their lowest depth in the Davis Cup at the Club da Foz here yesterday, accusations were fired like torpedoes from the scuttled ship. The gravest of them were let loose by Tony Pickard, captain of the team sunk 4-1 by Portugal, during a ferocious broadside.

Convinced that the tie will be his last in charge, he aimed his criticism at his part-time employers, the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA), and particularly at Richard Lewis, the head of national coaching. Unless they respond and co-operate, he warned that Britain will continue "to bump along the bottom".

Once the team had been condemned to entering a relegation play-off for the first time in the history of the competition Britain helped to inaugurate 94 years ago, Pickard agreed that the defeat was ignominious. He said the players, Mark Petchey and especially Jeremy Bates, were not to blame, though.

According to Pickard, one of Britain's rare successes in his other capacity as Stefan Edberg's coach, the system is so flawed it has more holes than a racket head. He complained not about the financial commitment of the LTA but about the way the funds are used.

"Look at the money they have spent," he said disparagingly. "If it was a business, their feet wouldn't touch the floor on the way out. For all the hundreds of thousands of pounds put into Bisham Abbey [the national training centre], what has ever come out of it? Nothing. It should be shut."

He also poured scorn on the LTA's scheme to promote clay courts. Under the policy, which is a reversal of that of two decades ago, grants will be received by clubs which install the surface which British players find so foreign, as was demonstrated again over the weekend. "There is no point in laying down a hundred courts when you can't use them because of the weather," he argued. "It would cost far less to take the players to training camps in Italy or the south of France for a month in the spring. That is what they do in Sweden."

The information that the club courts are to be made of American rather than European clay provoked another contemptuous aside from a man known more for cryptic messages. "There is no comparison between the two," Pickard said. "They think they are going to revolutionise tennis in Britain. Come on.

"I have made a lot of recommendations over the last three years and those that have been taken up have been watered down. Unless someone starts to listen, and that includes Richard Lewis, I can tell you that I won't be here. I can see no future in staying.

"I want to stay, believe me, but there have to be changes and not in years but in months. I've tried before and I'm going to try once more." Asked whether he expected a tolerably positive response, he said: "I don't think I've got a cat in hell's chance."

Pickard's contract has officially expired and he is to discuss the terms of its renewal once he returns from holiday in Bermuda next month. He did not know it at the time, but his tirade had been preceded by a glowing public tribute from the LTA chief executive.

"He is the best Davis Cup captain we've got," Ian Peacock said, "and I hope not only that he continues but also that he works perhaps on a broader basis." Concealed within the plaudit was the recognition that Pickard has had limited resources at his disposal.

The team will reassemble, with or without Pickard, in July for the play-off against Romania at an English venue yet to be chosen, but doubtless on grass. Defeat would lead to an unprecedented demotion to the second division of the Euro-African zone, to compete with the likes of Ghana, Greece, Lithuania and Senegal.

Bates, who had carried Petchey through the doubles to reduce the deficit to 2-1, was unable to bear the responsibility of extending the tie to a fifth match. After toiling honourably for eight hours on Friday and Saturday, he was beaten yesterday by Nuno Marques, Portugal's leading player, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4, 6-0.

Before Petchey ended his personal misery by being overwhelmed by Emanuel Couto, 6-1, 6-2, Britain were already assured of completing their worst sequence for two decades. Not since then, when Pickard was briefly in charge, had they suffered four successive defeats in the competition.

RESULT: Portugal 4, Great Britain 1 (Portuguese players first): N Marques bt M Petchey 6-1, 7-6, 6-1; E Couto bt J Bates 6-3, 5-7, 4-6, 6-1, 6-0; Marques and Couto lost to Petchey and Bates 7-5, 4-6, 6-3, 8-6; Marques bt Bates 4-6, 6-1, 6-4, 6-0; Couto bt Petchey 6-1, 6-2.

South Africa slow to take full advantage

FROM JOHN WOODCOCK IN DURBAN

THE third and final Test match between South Africa and Australia here is in danger of becoming an anticlimax. The first three days have produced only 591 runs at a rate of 2.3 an over, much to the irritation of those who feel that the occasion demands something a good deal more enterprising. With four first-innings wickets in hand South Africa have a lead of 53, and there are two days left.

The pitch, certainly, has lost what little life it ever had; but that is really no excuse for somebody as normally nimble as Peter Kirsten taking almost five hours to make 49. Had it not been for a comparatively bustling 78 from Rhodes yesterday, there would have been nothing in the play to suggest that South Africa were other than acutely conscious of the batting collapse that cost them the second Test.

On Saturday Hudson became the first of the new generation of South African cricketers to pass 1,000 runs in Test cricket. Of the 2,550 that Wessels has made, 1,761 were for Australia. Nothing seems to fluster Hudson. He just plays his game, and a very sound, dependable and tidy one it is. Since South Africa's resurrection Hudson has scored 271 more runs that Wessels, 266 more than Cronje and 332 more than Rhodes.

After making only 16 in 91 balls on Saturday, Cronje came out yesterday morning intent upon doing things his way. A hook for four off McDermott was a good start, but in trying to hit Warne back over his head he soon sliced a catch to backward cover. Fortunately, Rhodes needs no encouragement to look for runs. With Kirsten becalmed at one end, it was left to him to give the innings any energy.

Rhodes plays so many strokes on his way in to bat that he is already about 20 not out by the time he takes guard. But he had only three runs to his credit when the Australians were seen in their worst light, repeatedly appealing for a catch at silly point by Boon off Warne. Although Boon himself acted as though the ball had probably not carried, which replays showed to be the case, Border, Healy and Warne tried to take matters into their own hands. To their credit the umpires would have none of it, though Mehboob Shah must have thought for a moment that he was standing in the final of the Patron's Trophy between the Karachi Whites and the Karachi Blues.

By lunch South Africa were 206 for four, Rhodes having already overtaken Kirsten who had had a two-hour start on him. Australia were making a great show of looking aggrieved, as only Test sides can, and they had to wait until half an hour before tea for anything to lighten their mood. Then Steve Waugh had Kirsten palpably leg-before, looking for the single that would have given him one of Test cricket's slower fifties.

When, in the last over of the afternoon, Rhodes was leg-before to Warne's flipper, breaking his resolution which is always to play forward to it, the light went out of the day, both literally and metaphorically. With South Africa on 322 for six, it became dark enough eventually for the last 35 minutes to be lost.

The day had been mostly overcast, moderately attended (16,620) and frankly disappointing. McDermott bowled some good spells and Warne is always enjoyable. But even Durban's timeless Test of 1939, so much derided, produced more runs in a day than this one has.

□ Sachin Tendulkar earned India a seven-wicket victory over New Zealand in their second one-day international at Eden Park, Auckland, yesterday. Opening the innings, Tendulkar scored 82 from 49 deliveries to help India overhaul New Zealand's total of 142 and level the series at 1-1.

AUSTRALIA: First Innings

M J Slater c Rhodes b Matthews	20
M A Taylor lbw b Donald	1
D C Boon c G Kirsten b Donald	37
M E Waugh c Richardson b Donald	43
*A R Border c Rhodes b McMillan	17
S R Waugh c Wessels b Matthews	64
†I A Healy b Matthews	55
P R Reiffel lbw b de Villiers	13
S K Warne c Wessels b Matthews	2
C J McDermott c Donald b de Villiers	6
G D McGrath not out	0
Extras (lb 1, nb 9, w 1)	11
Total	269

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-45, 3-81, 4-123, 5-123, 6-215, 7-250, 8-256, 9-269.

BOWLING: Donald 18-1-73-3 (nb 8); de Villiers 24.2-5-55-2 (nb 1); Matthews 29-9-65-4; McMillan 18-5-58-1; Cronje 5-1-8-0; G Kirsten 6-1-13-0.

SOUTH AFRICA: First Innings

A C Hudson lbw b Reiffel	65
G Kirsten c Healy b Reiffel	41
W J Cronje c S R Waugh b Warne	26
*K C Wessels lbw b McDermott	1
P N Kirsten lbw b S R Waugh	49
J N Rhodes lbw b Warne	78
B M McMillan not out	35
†D J Richardson not out	16
Extras (lb 8, nb 4)	11
Total (6 wkts)	322

C R Matthews, P S de Villiers and A A Donald to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-100, 2-117, 3-118, 4-168, 5-256, 6-274.

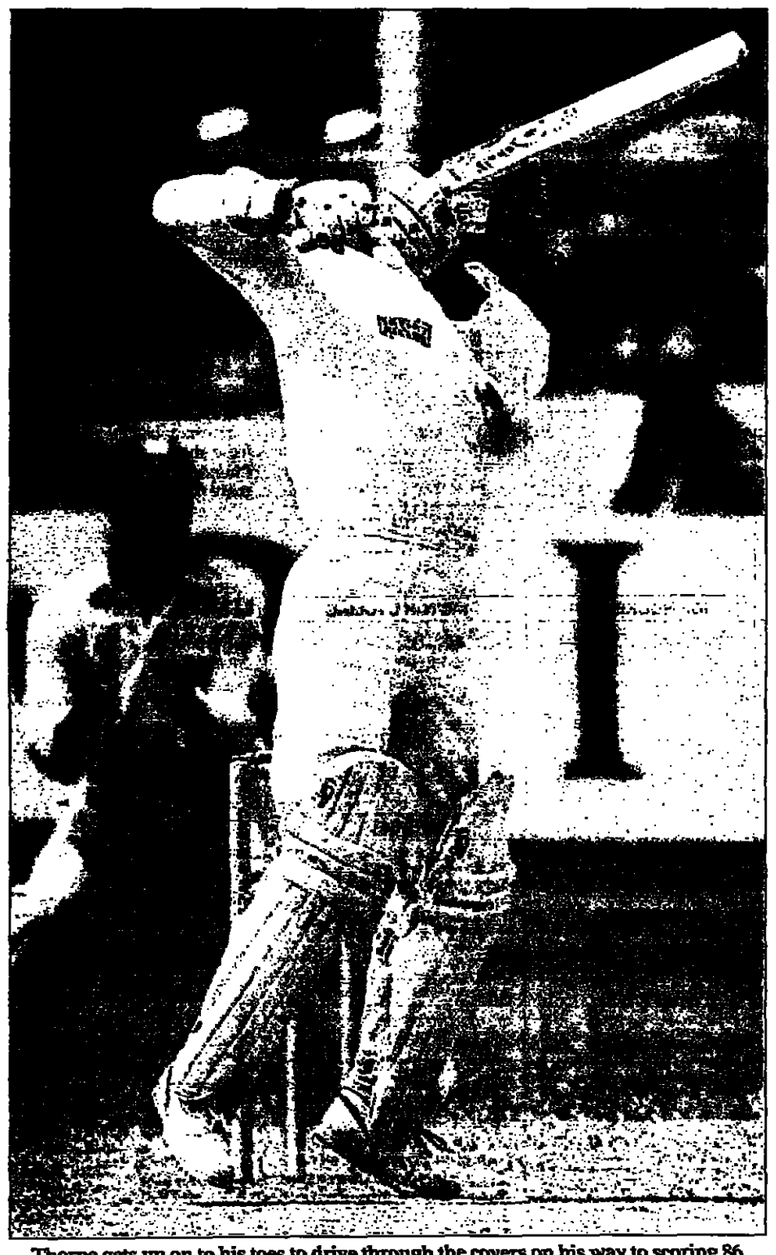
BOWLING: McDermott 30-9-55-1 (nb 4); Reiffel 22-5-60-2; McGrath 31-10-82-0; Warne 44-18-78-2; S R Waugh 17-5-34-1; M E Waugh 9-3-27-0; Border 3-0-8-0.

Umpires: C Mitchley (South Africa) and Mehboob Shah (Pakistan).

FIXTURES

Thorpe shows new resolve

David Miller sees signs that Michael Atherton's team is turning the corner


Thorpe gets up on to his toes to drive through the covers on his way to scoring 86 and help England to a first-innings lead yesterday. Photograph: Rebecca Naden

It is too early to say whether the third Test match here in Port of Spain, Trinidad, is a watershed but a degree of reappraisal of Mike Atherton's team is required after three days of spirited resistance. English morale has risen at Queen's Park Oval beyond all expectation.

Those who questioned whether the England bowlers have heart, and considered that the tail began with Thorpe — a view no doubt held by Ambrose and Walsh — are now obliged to acknowledge that, although England maybe short on talent, they are not without courage. That assertion, first evident from the bowlers on the opening day, was epitomised on Saturday and yesterday morning by none more than Thorpe.

His 86, the third highest England score in this series, confirmed both his temperament and Test status, which had hovered uncertainly since his the 114 not out he scored in his second innings on his debut against Australia at Nottingham last year. Aged 24, and having matured through four A team tours — three under Keith Fletcher — Thorpe demonstrated he was not going to allow himself to be intimidated; either by having the ball delivered at his head or by being stared down, from the height of a high jump bar, by Ambrose or Walsh standing in mid pitch, after some particularly hostile ball that Thorpe had just survived during four hours' dogged resistance.

To strike the ball to the boundary, as he did ten times, was to have the next delivery unvaryingly pitched at his throat. In successive overs yesterday morning he hooked Ambrose between square and fine leg and then vigorously pulled Walsh to the on-side boundary. Each defiance was received as an insult by the bowler, who took instant, venomous revenge, Ambrose almost forcing Thorpe to cartwheel backwards in evading the next ball.

The demand set by the two bowlers, and to a lesser degree by the Benjamins, is both physically and emotionally tortuous: to play forward if at all possible. Instinct, never mind fear, is bound to draw the batsman backward, so often fatally. Thorpe, however, was a model of correctness, his footwork quick and his elbow, forearm and bat as straight as a church steeple as he played down the line.

When he finally succumbed after an hour yesterday morning, having been 64 not out overnight in his deliciously provocative partnership of 82 with Russell, it was to a ball at his chest from Ambrose. He got his bat there, but a fraction late and off line and was caught by Lara at first slip. To have carried England to 281 for 8 was, in the context of the tour, something of a triumph. So much of sport, cricket as much and more than most, is mental as well as technical, and as England kept West Indies in the field for longer than a day's play you could visibly detect West Indies' concentration and willpower fluctuating. It would be an exaggeration as yet to say that Atherton's captaincy has enabled his team to turn a corner, but unquestionably they have found a platform for some dignity and confidence.

Helping to build this, after Atherton's own contribution of 48, were Hick and less predictably, Russell and Salisbury. Hick, dropped off his third ball, played some punishing drives in his 40. Russell, whose grip, stance and technique defy all text books, prods and scratches, to the infuriation of the bowlers, as carefree as a hen in harvest stubble. His valuable 23 was something for English delight, the Tommy Cooper of batsmanship.

Salisbury's batting is brave and, like his bowling, insistent. For every chancy cut or glance there was a legitimate drive, most memorably off the back foot from Keith Benjamin through extra cover for four to take England to 316 and force West Indies to remain in the field yesterday till after lunch. Belatedly, West Indies are finding themselves in a match.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Tigers show teeth to capture crown

WHEN Bracknell Pirates were formed in 1982, from the ashes of Team Talbot Guildford, they were given a grim lesson of life in the National Basketball League (Russell Kempson writes). A record of three wins and 21 defeats left them under no illusions of the task ahead. On Saturday, 12 years on and now as Thames Valley Tigers, they won the league title for the first time.

Tigers, still based in Bracknell, Berkshire, captured the Budweiser League crown, with two matches remaining, by winning successive home games against Birmingham, 97-81 on Friday, and Sunderland, 104-75. They had spent the two previous years playing the bridesmaid.

Tigers, the NatWest Trophy winners this season, overcame the mid-term loss of Mike Obaseki, the influential England centre, who returned to the United States for surgery on a long-term foot injury, and a twitchy 91-89 defeat against lowly Doncaster nine days ago. Although Sunderland trailed only 46-43 at half-time on Saturday, they were blown away over the closing quarters.

Britons earn rewards

SWIMMING: Nick Gillingham and Mark Foster collected $7,000 (£4,700) each after the final round of the world cup in Paris yesterday after finishing second in their categories (Craig Lord writes). Martin Harris, of Waltham Forest, was absent from Paris, but had done enough to earn $4,000 for third in the backstroke category, finishing on 90 points, eight behind Vladimir Selkov, of Russia. Gillingham, 27, of Birmingham, won the 200 metres breaststroke in 2min 10.41sec on Saturday. Yesterday, he finished fifth in the 100 metres in 1min 01.36sec. Ron Dekker, of Holland, won the group with 91 points to Gillingham's 81. Foster, 23, of London's Barnet Copthall club, finished second to Aleksandr Popov, of Russia, in the 50 metres freestyle last night, recording 21.97sec to Popov's 21.60sec. Foster lost to Denis Pankratov, of Russia, 98 points to 82 in the butterfly category.

Kings' sequence ends

ICE HOCKEY: Milton Keynes Kings were surprisingly defeated 7-6 by Telford Tigers on the final weekend of the regular season (Norman de Mesquita writes). This came after the Kings had registered 20 consecutive wins, but can be accounted for by the absence of Doug McCarthy, their leading play-maker, suspended for his behaviour at Streatham the previous weekend. Other results went according to form. Todd Bidner's three goals for Billingham Bombers took him past the 1000-point mark, but Whitley Warriors showed that they do not depend solely on imported players with nine of their 11 goals against the Bombers scored by local players.

Ipswich maintain lead

HOCKEY: Ipswich maintained their grip on the women's league championship with a 2-0 victory over Hightown (Alix Ramsay writes). With Leicester also winning, 2-1 at Chelmsford, the title will be decided when the sides meet in the final game of the season. Ipswich were rewarded for their attacking tactics on Saturday when Vickey Dixon scored 15 minutes into the second half and created the second seven minutes later, setting up Debbie Rawlinson. Lucy Cope, a substitute, put Leicester ahead with a penalty stroke in the second half. Kath Johnson also scored before Jo Green pulled one back. In other games, Sutton Coldfield defeated Clifton 1-0 and Slough defeated Ealing 2-0.

Eagles soar higher

RUGBY LEAGUE: Sheffield Eagles enjoyed the finest hour in the club's ten-year history and Wigan one of their darkest when they slumped 10-5 at the Don Valley Stadium yesterday. Wigan's second defeat in five days has handed the initiative at the top of the Stones Bitter Championship to Bradford Northern. Mark Aston's second-half try and three goals killed off Wigan, who could muster only a touchdown by Gary Connolly and a dropped goal by Frano Botica. A record sixth successive win maintains Sheffield's seventh place and keeps Wigan four points adrift of Bradford and Warrington.

Leeds triumph, page 29

Bonaly eludes censure

ICE SKATING: Surya Bonaly escaped reprimand for remarks made about Yuka Sato, after the Japanese had won the women's title at the world championships in Chiba, Japan, on Saturday. "No matter what I do, or what I change, the marks are so unjust," Bonaly, the silver medal-winner, said. Bonaly's adoptive mother, Suszanna, led the protest after expecting her daughter to win the title in the absence of the Olympic medal-winners, Oksana Bayul, of Ukraine, Nancy Kerrigan, of the United States, and Lu Chen of China. Apologies were made by the French to Sato's family and the International Skating Union for Bonaly's behaviour.

Oxford gain revenge

GOLF: Oxford gained some revenge for the Boat Race defeat by winning eight of the ten singles on the second and final day of the University match at Rye on Saturday to complete a 13-2 victory over Cambridge. It is believed by Oxbridge statisticians to be a record winning margin. Mark Williamson, the Cambridge captain, beat Richard Sanders, his opposite number, 2 and 1, but from then on things got steadily worse for Cambridge, who were trying to reverse a recent trend that had seen Oxford win the previous two matches after five consecutive Cambridge victories.

Hampstead promoted

HOCKEY: Hampstead and Westminster marked its centenary year by qualifying for the Pizza Express national league next season after finishing on top of pool A in the inter-league play-offs at Olton and West Warwickshire Club yesterday. Andy Thompson scored twice against Harborne for a 2-1 victory, which assured Hampstead and Westminster of promotion. They finished on top in the recently concluded Nastro Azzurra South League. Doncaster made sure of staying in the National League with a 2-0 win over Whitchurch.

Davis takes control in final

STEVE Davis moved within four frames of winning the Benson and Hedges Irish Masters title for the eighth time since 1983 by taking a 5-2 lead over Alan McManus in the opening session of the final at Goff's, co Kildare, yesterday (Phil Yates writes).

The pre-match omens favoured Davis, the six-times world and United Kingdom champion, who beat Jimmy White 6-5 in the semi-finals on Saturday.

Taking over from Stephen Hendry as the provisional world No 1 has put an extra spring in the Davis step and his confidence going into this contest has been bolstered by three victories over McManus this season.

Davis, who defeated McManus in the semi-finals of the Dubai Classic and Thailand Open, also recovered from a 4-0 deficit to win 9-6 in the Welsh Open final in February. This time it was he who enjoyed the better start.

The in-form Davis, composed and clinical from the outset, allowed McManus only 31 points in the opening four frames. In contrast, Davis, forcing openings with his safety game, compiled breaks of 54, 65 and 105 on the way to a 4-0 lead.

McManus, beaten 9-4 by Davis in the Irish Masters final a year ago, then showed renewed hope of collecting the £48,000 first prize — to become the first player to exceed £250,000 tournament earnings in a season — by taking the next two frames with runs of 49 and 118.

The McManus revival looked set to continue when he led 50-0 in the seventh frame but he missed a costly long blue and Davis, looking to be the first to successfully defend a title during the 1993-94 campaign, made a decisive 69 clearance to the pink.

RESULTS: Semi-finals: A McManus (Scot) bt F O'Brien (Ire) 6-4; S Davis (Eng) bt J White (Eng) 6-5. Final: Davis leads McManus 5-2 (frame scores; Davis first: 89-1, 72-30, 80-0, 106-0, 9-84, 12-122, 69-50.

Chen may miss semi-final

ENGLAND made sure of reaching the semi-finals of the European table tennis championships, at the National Indoor Arena in Birmingham at the weekend, but then sustained a worrying blow when Chen Xinhua, their No 1, withdrew with an injured back (Richard Eaton writes).

A marvellous recovery from 0-2 down to beat Russia 4-2 on Saturday was enough to give England a place in the last four after France had beaten Hungary yesterday. However, by then England had lost to Austria, who had not previously won a match, with the 34-year-old Chen on the physiotherapist's couch and casting doubts on his future involvement.

The Yorkshire-based former World Cup winner aggravated the injury while beating Qian Qianli, his former compatriot, 21-15, 21-15 yesterday, and then decided not to take the court against Ding Yi, another Chinese *émigré*, representing Austria.

That was followed by a doubles loss and an off day for Carl Prean, England's hero against Russia, whose two singles losses consigned England to their surprise 4-2 defeat.

Chen will probably miss today's match against France which decides who tops the group, but could still be fit for Tuesday's semi-finals.

Meanwhile, the England women kept in contention for a medal for the first time in 16 years. They followed a 4-2 win over Hungary on Saturday with another, by 4-2, over France yesterday.

They now only have to beat Holland today to reach the semi-finals. The highlight was a victory for Lisa Lomas, by 22-20, 17-21, 25-23, over Wang-Drechou Xiaoming, the French No 1, ranked nine places higher at European No 6.

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Wrong notes spoil victory dance

Leicester cling to title hopes after scrappy triumph

Harlequins 13
Leicester 25

BY BRYAN STILES

THE cut-glass Harlequins' accents mingled happily with the rounded vowels of the Midlanders from Leicester at the Stoop Memorial Ground on Saturday. The only persistently discordant notes came from the lips and whistle of Efraim Sklar, the Argentinian referee, as he baffled players and spectators alike with his decisions.

He spoke in English but he was hardly fluent in the language of communication. The players, particularly those from Leicester, seemed bemused by the way they were being penalised. As a result, the game deteriorated as a spectacle, especially in the second half, when the whistle brought a halt to many a promising move.

Luckily, it did not change the course of the game, even though some Leicester officials felt it deprived them of a few extra points. Normally that would not have worried them, as they had achieved a creditable win but, as the Courage Clubs Championship approaches its climax, a few points won or lost could decide the issue.

Leicester lie second to Bath in the league table and if they finish all-square, the title will go to the team with the biggest points difference. Bath are 16 better off than Leicester in that category after Saturday. Both have only three games to play and the crunch will come in the first of them, on April 9, when Leicester travel to Bath. Victory by Bath in that game should reward them with their fifth title in six years.

That may not be the end of their confrontations for the season. Both teams are in the semi-finals of the Pilkington Cup and, clearly, they could meet in the final. Leicester have to beat Orrell next Saturday and Bath must dispose of Harlequins, who usually reserve their best rugby for the cup.

Jamie Salmon, the Harlequins general manager, warned Bath that his team would be in much better form than they were for this disjointed encounter, not just because they will be able to bring back Carling, Leonard and Pears, their England players.

It looked as if Harlequins were going to be overrun by Leicester, who produced a splendidly abrasive first half before the referee, who is on an exchange visit, got going in earnest with his whistle. They rattled up 17 points in 28 minutes, their first try coming after a two-handed catch by Richards at a lineout ten yards out, with Back being carried over the line in the ensuing maul. Harris added the conversion, collected a penalty goal and converted a try by Potter which resulted from a quickly taken tapped penalty.

A shrewd chip ahead by Thompson set up a try for Keyter, but Leicester should have had more points on the board after a beautiful passage of play in which the ball was passed through more than 20 pairs of hands before Kilford was tackled into touch inches short.

Challinor (two) and Harris contributed more penalties in the second half and Richards was justly rewarded for his efforts with a try. It must have been some consolation for the referee, having penalised Richards at a maul when it was clearly his second-row colleague, Johnson, who had been guilty of illegal use of the boot.

SCORERS: Harlequins: Try: Keyter. Conversion: Challinor. Penalty goals: Challinor (2). Leicester: Tries: Back, Potter, Richards. Conversions: Harris (2). Penalty goals: Harris (2).

HARLEQUINS: K Bray; D O'Leary, J Keyter, G Thompson, C Madderson; P Challinor, C Luxton; S Brown, B Moore, A Mullins, M Russell, A Snow, P Thresher, M Pepper, T Coker.

LEICESTER: W Kilford; S Hackney, S Potter, L Boyle, R Underwood; J Harris, A Kardoorni; G Rowntree, R Cockerill, D Garforth, J Wells, M Johnson, M Poole, N Back, D Richards.

Referee: E Sklar (Argentina).

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JASON REED

Eparama Tuvunivono, of the President's team, gets the ball away as he is tackled in the quarter-final against Western Samoa yesterday

Rush hurries New Zealand to victory

FROM DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT
IN HONG KONG

AUSTRALIA'S fate these days, in seven-a-side rugby at any rate, is to be runner-up. Forced to settle for second best against England in the World Cup tournament at Murrayfield last April, they were beaten 32-20 by a new New Zealand team in the final of the Hong Kong Sevens yesterday.

David Campese promised it would be his last hurrah, in sevens that is. Campese, the mercurial wing who has been playing for a decade in Hong Kong, intends, at 31, to continue appearing for Australia until the 15-a-side World Cup in South Africa next year, and to keep airing his views whenever he disagrees with officialdom — which is frequently. "I still don't understand why England snub Hong Kong," he said. "It gives guys confidence and shows the rest of the world how good you can be."

In fact, England had a limited representation, in five of the squad which won at Murrayfield. Reinforced by two Scots and two Fijians in a Hong Kong Rugby Football Union President's team, they reached the quarter-finals where, despite the best efforts of Sheasby and Dallaglio, they lost 21-12 to Western Samoa.

That, at least, was further than the squads representing Ireland and Scotland progressed. The Scots, inventors of the abbreviated game, were disappointing, even in the plate competition, where they went down to their nemesis, Japan. Ireland lost their playmaker, Elwood, with a back injury in their first outing and never recovered the form which carried them so far at both Hong Kong and Murrayfield last year.

The stage was left, therefore, to the southern hemisphere powers. Australia, who have not won since 1988, dismissed Western Samoa, the holders, only with an extra-time penalty goal and Fiji lost to New Zealand.

The winners included Jonah Lomu, 18, who has yet to play senior rugby. When he does, he could be a No 8 or a wing. His alarming strength and speed, allied to the guile of Eric Rush and the pace of Erenavula, caught Australia cold in the final.

SCORERS: New Zealand: Tries: Rush (2), Lomu, Erenavula, Osborne. Conversions: Osborne (2). Penalty goal: Osborne. Australia: Tries: Williams (2), Wilson, Gregan.

NEW ZEALAND: L Erenavula, G Osborne, J Taulwi, P Woods, D Seymour, E Rush (captain), J Lomu.

AUSTRALIA: J Little, T Horan, D Campese (captain), G Gregan, I Tabua, D Wilson, J Williams. Tabua replaced by J Fenwicke.

Referee: D Mené (France).

RESULTS: Knock-out phase: quarter-finals: Western Samoa 21 President's VII 12, Australia 43 Argentina 0; New Zealand 21 France 12; Fiji 14 South Africa 12. Semi-finals: Australia 20 Western Samoa 17 (aet), New Zealand 28 Fiji 14. Final: New Zealand 32 Australia 20. Plate final: South Korea 26 US Eagles 21. Bowl final: Hong Kong 24 Portugal 12.

England choose wrong option

Welsh Youth 15
England Colts 10

BY GERALD DAVIES

THIS match was a reflection of the strengths and weaknesses of the teams' counterparts at senior level. England had the power and the possession at forward but failed to make capital of this dominance. They were good enough to win the game but, in the end, did not against a Welsh team which, without much of the ball, reflected their seniors in the tenacity of their tackling and resilience not to give in.

Had England not opted to run the ball underneath the Welsh posts instead of shooting for goal with eight minutes to go, they might, with all their territorial advantage in the second half, have been celebrating instead of the Welsh.

With judicious high kicks from King, skilfully taken by Adam Jones, England commanded the play.

Reed was denied by a classical corner-flagging tackle by Adam Jones. Then Denney manoeuvred with Overend to give the former an outside break which gave free reign to Reed again. This time Arwel Thomas stopped him in similar fashion.

This purposeful rugby left them empty-handed, however, and it was the grim determination of Wales that was rewarded. King, beautifully served by Benton inside him, looked wonderfully composed. Perhaps too composed. His attempted kick out of defence was charged down by Mably on the visitors' 22 metre line and the Welsh scrum half regathered to score the first try.

This did not deter England's purpose. Another clever ploy in midfield saw Reed enter the line from the blind side to tear open the defence and with Benton in support Jowlett scored the try.

Five minutes later, Stephen Jones, winning a rare catch in the lineout 30 metres out, ran through all the way to the line for his try.

Wales rarely mounted an attack in the second half apart from the moment when Arwel Thomas came away on the blind side and clear of the opposition back row. Supported by Mably, the No 8, Davies scored in a corner.

The remainder was largely England's game but they will reflect on the chances missed.

SCORERS: Wales: Tries: Mably, Stephens, Davies. England: Tries: Jowlett, Benton.

WALES YOUTH: A Jones (Harlequins); C Wilkins (Cardiff), R Jones (Neath Colts), G Jones (Bridgend), D James (Cornelly), A Thomas (Trebanrhws), K Mably (Bridgend), L Manning (Bridgend), J Power (Rhigos), D Morris (Neath), C Quinnell (Llanelli), S Ford (Cwmalan), C Stephens (Maesteg), M Codd (Llanelli), D Davies (Cardiff).

ENGLAND COLTS: D Jowlett (Old Brodleians and Yorkshire); N Miller (Wakefield and Yorkshire), M Denney (Bedford and Bristol University), J Overend (Otley), S Reed (Leicester and Warwickshire), A King (Rosslyn Park and Sussex), S Benton (Morley and Yorkshire), A Collins (Bath and Somerset), D Robbins (Swansea University), N McCarthy (Bath and Somerset), B Wade (Morley and Yorkshire), G Archer (Newcastle Gosforth), R Kidman (Blackheath and Kent), J Ions (Durham University), R Fidler (Gloucester and Gloucestershire).

Referee: J Beogalupo (Scottish RU)

Resurgent Coventry still have much to prove

Coventry 23
Richmond 20

BY BARRY TROWBRIDGE

WHEN, in the Sixties, television coverage of rugby union was restricted to the five nations' championship and the results of a few "club matches" on *Grandstand*, a game between Coventry and Richmond was one to be noted.

Even now, their names have a way of firing the imagination; but nobody who enjoyed the spring conditions at Coundon Road on Saturday could justifiably argue that, after nearly seven seasons of league rugby, either looked significantly out of place in the third division of the Courage Clubs Championship.

Both sides were happy to throw the ball around, but the Richmond tackling was too often exposed and Coventry, despite having the experienced and able Barry Evans on the right wing, seemed to lack imagination.

Two tries in the last quarter justified the theory that if you run into somebody long enough and hard enough they will eventually get either fed up or worn down, but Richmond are a young side and it is unlikely to work at the higher level Coventry are targeting.

John Butler, the Coventry press officer, said before the game: "At least we have halted the decline [from first-division status when the league started in 1987] and indifference of recent years. As far as this season goes, we seem to have turned the corner."

Coventry allowed Richmond back into the game at 13-13, but in the final quarter Willie Phillips took control in the loose and gaps opened up. From a scrum on halfway, Kevin Hickey went round the blind side and ran virtually unchallenged to the line, and Lee Crofts rounded things off.

Almost certainly, Coventry have the promotion they need; three points from matches against Havant, Bedford and Redruth will also guarantee the championship.

SCORERS: Coventry: Tries: Angel, Hickey, Crofts. Conversion: Angel. Penalty goals: Angel (2). Richmond: Tries: Hornung, Della-Savina. Conversion: Hood (2). Penalty goals: Hood (2).

COVENTRY: R Gee; B Evans, M Lakey, M Curtis, D Woodman; R Angell, E Blundell; R Hardwick, D Addleton, W Bullock, W Phillips, L Crofts, R Mackie, J Horrobin, K Hickey.

RICHMOND: J Gregory; P Greenwood, D Elliott, M Hutton, J Hood; D Clift, C Hornung; J Foster, S Miller, M Yeldham, L Jones, M Fitzgerald, P Carr, P Della-Savina, T Benson.

Referee: M Hamlin (Manchester).

Bristol gain benefit of Hanlon's influence

Gloucester 6
Bristol 24

BY PETER BILLS

THE pragmatic influence of the New Zealand coaching director, Brian Hanlon, was as visible as the aircraft vapour trails in a cloudless sky above Kingsholm in this one-sided West Country derby on Saturday.

The indications are that Bristol have recruited expertly in bringing Hanlon from New Zealand. His first task, he conceded, was to temper the carefree Barbarians-style play that was once Bristol's hallmark. Reality, in the form of a strong driving forward pack that won its set-piece ball and committed stray defenders in the loose, was essential as a precursor to expressive backline play. And Bristol did look good behind the scrum.

Bracken was outstanding, the orchestrator of two of his side's three fine tries. The second, scored just after half-time by Saverimutto, owed everything to Bracken's 50-yard break from the scrum off quality second-phase possession.

Under Hanlon, Bristol are discovering the value of rapidly recycled second and third-phase ball. They are learning, too, just when it is most propitious to spread the play.

Gloucester, alas, are ailing; their mental approach was inferior. Barrie Corless, their coaching director, accusing them of not trying, was bitterly critical.

Bristol's control was never imperilled. They quickly increased a 10-3 interval lead to 17-3 and could have scored more tries.

SCORERS: Gloucester: Penalty goals: Fenwick (2). Bristol: Tries: Kitchin (2), Saverimutto. Conversions: Talnton (3). Dropped goal: Talnton.

GLOUCESTER: G Fenwick; M Nicholson, O Caslele, I Morgan, S Morris; D Cummins, B Fenley; A Windo, D Kearsey, P Jones, P Glanville, D Sims R West, I Smith, M Nicholls. S Devereux replaced Sims, 40min.

BRISTOL: P Hull; D John, A Saverimutto, R Knibbs, R Kitchin, M Talnton, K Bracken; P Smith, M Regan, D Hinkins, I Patton, S Shaw, A Blackmore, D Evas, C Barrow.

Referee: B Campsall (RFU).

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Resolution 1. To adopt the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 1993.

Resolution 2. To re-elect Mr Martin Charles Findlay, who retires by rotation, as a Director of the Association.

Resolution 3. To re-elect Mr Valentine Patrick Fleming, who retires by rotation, as a Director of the Association.

Resolution 4. To re-elect Mr Simon Manwaring Robertson, who retires by rotation, as a Director of the Association.

Resolution 5. To re-appoint Price Waterhouse as Auditors of the Association, to hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting.

Mrs V.G.C. Steadman
Company Secretary
2 March 1994

A member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of him or her. A proxy need not be a member of the Association. A form of proxy can be obtained by writing to the Company Secretary at the Association's Registered Address.

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The 37th Ordinary Meeting of Convocation will be held on Saturday 23 April 1994 at 2.00 pm in the Curtis Auditorium Herschel Building, University of Newcastle upon Tyne.

Members are cordially invited to attend; it would be helpful if they could advise the Registrar (Convocation) if they wish to do so.

Details of the Convocation Lecture and the Annual Reunion Dinner that evening can be obtained from the Alumni Office (091 222 6225).

Copies of the Convocation Agenda will be available on request from the Registrar (Convocation), 6 Kensington Terrace, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 7RU.

D E T Nicholson
Registrar
March 1994

KING GEORGE'S FUND FOR SAILORS

The Annual General Meeting of King George's Fund for Sailors will be held at the Mansion House on Thursday April 28th, 1994, at 5 pm by kind permission of the Lord Mayor of London.

LEGAL NOTICES

CANADIAN PACIFIC LIMITED
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TORONTO GREY & BRUCE RAILWAY COMPANY
Copies of the Balance Sheet of the above Company as at December 31 1993 are available and may be obtained from this office during normal business hours.
D.R. Kesel
Deputy Secretary
62-65 Trafalgar Square,
London WC2N 5DY
March 28 1994

1993-C-No:8073
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
In the matter of sums due to former shareholders of CONTINEL HOLDINGS PLC ("the Company"), one of the companies formed on the reorganisation of Imperial Continental Gas Association, pursuant to Section 430(1) Companies Act 1985 ("the Act") and Section 63 Trustee Act 1925:
To all members of the Company who are resident in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland, who became members after 1st August 1913:
TAKE NOTICE THAT an offer was made on 28th May 1987 by two companies incorporated in Belgium (Overseas Finance Company S.A. and Finance et Participations S.A.) for the whole of the issued capital of the Company. Having acquired more than nine-tenths in value of the shares of the Company to which the offer related, the offerors compulsorily exercised their right under Sections 428 to 430F of the Act to acquire the shares to which the offer related which they had not acquired pursuant to the offer, by giving to the holders of such shares notice in the prescribed form dated 10th September 1987. At the end of six weeks from the date on which notice was given, the consideration for the shares to which the notice related was paid to the Company pursuant to Section 430(6) of the Act and held by Barclays Registrars Limited (formerly Hill Samuel Registrars Limited) on behalf of the Company on trust pursuant to Section 430(9) of the Act. By a resolution passed by the members of the Company dated 14th December 1987, the Company was placed in members' voluntary liquidation. Section 430(11) of the Act requires the money due to the former shareholders to be paid into court when the Company is wound up.
AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that Barclays Registrars Limited has this day paid into court £660,786.91 representing the money (including interest) due to the former shareholders.
DATED 28th March 1994
HERBERT SMITH
Solicitors
of:
Exchange House
Primrose Street
London EC2A 2HS
Solicitors for the Company

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(IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at 20 Old Bailey on 11 April 1994 at 11.00 am for the purposes mentioned in Section 48 and 49 of the said Act.
A creditor is entitled to vote at this meeting only if:
a) he has forwarded to the Joint Administrative Receivers, P W G Dudleston and P R Sykes of BDO Binder Hamlyn, 20 Old Bailey, London, EC4M 7BH not later than 12.00 noon on the business day before the meeting, details in writing of the debt that he claims to be due to him from the above company, and the claim has been duly admitted for the purposes of entitlement to vote, and there has been lodged with the Joint Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
P W G Dudleston
Joint Administrative Receiver

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Mr D B Coakley of Leach Bright & Partners, Barratt House, Chestnut Avenue, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 8BH is qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the company and will furnish creditors with such information concerning the company's affairs as is reasonably required.
Proxies to be used at the meeting must be lodged with the company's registered office at Leach Bright & Partners, Barratt House, Chestnut Avenue, Guildford Avenue, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 8BH not later than 12 noon on 18 April 1994.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
A Walsh
Director

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D L Morgan of Touche Ross & Co. of PO Box 810 Cedric House, 8-9 East Harding Street, London EC4A 3AS will provide creditors free of charge with such information concerning the company's affairs as they may reasonably require. Creditors requiring this information should contact in the first instance Chris Day on 071 936 3000.
Dated: 24 March 1994
D L Morgan
Joint Liquidator

LONDON WALL MEMBERS AGENCY LIMITED
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A list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at between 10.00am and 4.00pm on the two business days immediately before the day fixed for the meeting.
Creditors wishing to vote at the Meeting must lodge (unless attending in person) a proxy at PO Box 58, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT no later than 12 noon on the business day before the day fixed for the Meeting. Creditors intending to vote at the Meeting must lodge a full statement of account (proof or debt) with their proxies. Unless there are exceptional circumstances, a creditor will not be entitled to vote unless his proof has been lodged and admitted for voting purposes. Secured creditors must, unless they surrender their security, give particulars of their security and its assessed value if they wish to vote at the Meeting.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
R FAULKNER
Dated 24th March 1994

No. 00230 of 1994
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF UOLAND INTERNATIONAL plc
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated the 23rd day of March, 1994 confirming the reduction of capital of the above-named Company from £14,000,000 to £6,812,992.40 was registered by the Registrar of Companies on the 17th day of March 1994.
DATED this 28th day of March 1994
McKenna & Co. of Mitre House, 160 Aldersgate Street, London EC1A 4DD
Solicitors for
Uoland International plc

SECTION 295 OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
RICHARD DAVID REESE-EDWARDS - IN BANKRUPTCY
TAKE NOTICE THAT I, Michael William Yeoman of Morton Thornton & Co, Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1HD was appointed Trustee of Richard David Reese-Edwards on 7th March 1994 by an order of the Secretary of State dated 28th February 1994.
DATED this 18th day of March 1994
M W YOUNG - TRUSTEE

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Dated: 21 March 1994
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
P R Lewis
Director

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A list of names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at Touche Ross & Co of Columbia Centre, Market Street, Bracknell, Berkshire, RG12 1PA during the two business days preceding the above meeting.
Dated: 21 March 1994
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
P R Lewis
Director

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Darryll Holland celebrates the victory of Our Rita from Just You Dare and Missed Flight in the Lincoln Handicap at Doncaster

Cecil's plans hit by loss of Bude

By Julian Muscat

HENRY Cecil's aspirations for the 1994 Flat season sustained a cruel blow this weekend when one of his principal Derby hopes, Bude, collapsed and died on the Newmarket gallops. The three-year-old colt was later diagnosed to have suffered a severe internal haemorrhage.

A half-brother to Tenby, last year's Derby favourite, Bude was in routine exercise when struck by disaster. He had no history of related medical problems. "It is heartbreaking, especially for his owner, Khaled Abdulla," Cecil said yesterday. "Bude was one of my most promising horses."

Bude followed up his debut victory at Sandown in July when taking third, behind stablemate King's Theatre, in the group one Racing Post Trophy at Doncaster. Although beaten a total of four lengths, Bude had missed his intended preparatory race at Ascot and been off the course for more than three months.

Bookmakers fully acknowledged the promise of that effort, quoting only Golden Nashwan and King's Theatre at shorter odds for the Epsom classic. "Bude had done everything right and was improving fast. He would have stayed well," Cecil reflected. "Unfortunately, these things do happen. We've got to put it all behind us now."

A glance at the list of Warren Place inmates suggests there are any number of lightly-raced prospects capable of making the grade, as did Commander In Chief, the stable's third Derby winner, last year.

The wet winter has hampered Cecil's efforts to hone his string for the Craven meeting at Newmarket, which starts two weeks tomorrow. "We have not done the fast work we would have liked," he said. "I don't remember being so far behind as we are this year. We have to try to make the Craven meeting but I'm not expecting my horses to be very forward by then." He is unlikely to have a runner before the Newmarket fixture.

Cecil, nine times the champion trainer, lost out in a close fight for the accolade last year, when Richard Hannon prevailed with total earnings just short of £2 million. He starts the season with two important new Middle Eastern patrons in Fahd Salman and Wafic Said, and an increased string of 170 horses.

The bulk of them, nearly 100, is made up of two-year-olds, which Cecil labelled "a very decent collection." They include a Rainbow Quest half-sister to Bude and Tenby, a recent arrival at the yard but described by her trainer as "a racey sort of filly."

Of the Warren Place three-year-olds, Cecil has the 2,000 Guineas on King's Theatre's agenda, although the colt will have to convince his trainer he is suitably precocious. Failing that, he will be kept for one of the Derby trials over ten furlongs. Other Derby candidates to have run last season include Florid and Bal Harbour, the latter owned by Abdulla.

There have been encouraging reports of two unraced colts in Distant View and Opera Score, who have been striding out alongside King's Theatre in their early work. Both are well bred; the former is a son of Mr Prospector, and the latter a Nureyev half-brother to 1990 Prix du Jockey-Club winner Sanglamore.

The meeting scheduled for Hexham today was called off after a 4pm inspection yesterday due to waterlogging.

Enterprise required to ensure quality of Epsom programmes

Racecourse Holdings Trust (RHT), whose £30.25 million bid won the race for ownership of Epsom, Sandown and Kempton last week, is under no illusions about its immediate priority. Each of the failings to have undermined the Derby meeting are to be examined in detail, but the trust is already aware of a significant flaw in what should be Flat racing's flagship fixture. As an entree to the Derby feast, we have been served junk food.

David Hillyard, managing director of RHT, suggested last week that a series of valuable handicaps, spread across the Derby meeting, might make for an attractive alternative to the proven lure of group races. Admittedly, Hillyard's vision may have been tempered by the historical intransigence of the Jockey Club's (now BHB's) race planning department, which has been loathe to alter the structure and timing of Britain's group races, collectively known as the Pattern. However, there is a great need for horses of group-race calibre.

The Pattern's traditionalists should make an exception of the Derby fixture, perceived by the public as a barometer of the industry's health. An upbeat Derby would be of infinitely more benefit to the sport than the largely techincal principles of Pattern diehards. Of course, there is another issue here. Given its status as a Jockey Club subsidiary, RHT is not well placed to curry favours. Four of the race planning committee's nine appointees are members of the Jockey Club. Accusations of favouritism would inevitably accompany such an approach, but they should be brushed aside.

Even without help from race planning, there is scope for improvement. Assume a three-day fixture, as suggested by Hillyard last week. Each afternoon has a ready-made highlight: the Coronation Cup on the first day, the Oaks on the second, with the Derby to follow. Day one is the weakest and should receive the greatest support.

JULIAN MUSCAT



Racing commentary

The Diomed Stakes, the meeting's only group race outside the features, is wasted. Condemned to a slot immediately before the Derby, the race is a non-event. Given a suitable stage, along with a substantial boost in value, its prestige can only rise. Also, start the meeting with a bang. The group two Temple Stakes should be switched from Sandown, where it is run two days before the Derby meeting. Its purpose within the Pattern — a sprint trial for Royal Ascot — would not be jeopardised, and RHT's ownership of Sandown should facilitate its relocation.

To raise its profile, a huge bonus, insured with the bookmakers, should be offered if the world five-furlong record is bettered. This is well within reach at Epsom, which lends itself to fast times. While soft ground would negate such a prospect, the race's quality would still allow it to stand on its own two feet.

Day two and the Oaks: the fillies' classic to be lifted from the Derby's wake. To support it, another transfer from Sandown, the group two Brigadier Gerard Stakes, with a cash carrot for the winner to follow up at Royal Ascot. Add to that the listed Woodcote Stakes for two-year-olds and a revamped Night Rider Handicap, with prize-money extending to tenth place to ensure a big field.

The final day should revolve around the Derby, with at least two valuable and competitive handicaps preceding it. This programme embraces strong, balanced support to each feature race. Like the Cheltenham festival, all three days should be highly competitive, promoting the possibility of a jackpot build-up, and where large placepot pools can be guaranteed.

Critically, however, the meeting must attract horses of group standard. Group racing is essential to the Derby meeting's future success. RHT must have the chance to stage such races at the earliest opportunity.

FOLKESTONE

THUNDERER

1.50 Port Sunlight
2.20 FRIENDLY BRAVE (nap)
2.50 Astral Weeks
3.20 Jayannpee
3.50 Rosmojique Star
4.20 Little Osbourne
4.50 Easy D'Or

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 1.50 BRAYOWSKI (nap). 2.50 Balmaha. 3.20 Decant.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

1.50 ALKHAM HANDICAP (£3,054: 1m 1f 149yd) (15 runners)

101	(9)	32000-5	PORT SUNLIGHT 66J (D,F,S) (Mrs C Powell) R Hannon 6-10-0	L Dettori	93
102	(11)	1029-00	BAG OF TRICKS 54 (G) (Eurostrait Ltd) S Dow 4-10-0	T Quinn	92
103	(3)	020000-	SALBUS 220 (G) (Tudor Travel Ltd) S Dow 4-9-13	Paul Eddery	90
104	(15)	665-	SNOW DREAM 151 (P Axon) M Ryan 4-9-3	D Biggs	85
105	(13)	633224-	SHERGRESS 160 (J Steel) S Williams 4-9-3	J Weaver	94
106	(10)	0056-00	NOBBY BARNES 65 (G) (T Riley-Smith) D Wilson 5-9-1	J Williams	98
107	(14)	0-U2222	LOWAWATHA 9 (G,S) (N Lunn) D Morris 6-9-1	C Hodgson (3)	[illegible]
108	(4)	011400-	PRINCE ROONEY 124J (F,G,S) (D Butler) P Butler 6-9-1	S Drowne (5)	95
109	(5)	40150-0	NORTHERN CONQUEROR 69 (CD,F,G) (D Borrows) T Naughton 6-8-8	D Holland	91
110	(2)	4/04	BRAYOWSKI 51 (Mrs J Bray) J Fanshawe 4-8-7	G Duffield	86
111	(1)	330630	LUCKNAM STYLE 20 (F) (Mrs B Waring) Mrs B Waring 6-8-7	W Newnes	92
112	(8)	64235-0	MAI PEN RAI 42 (F,S) (R Sercombe) R Hodges 6-8-3	A Munro	95
113	(7)	50/0020-	JOLI'S GREAT 10J (B,S) (Enterprise Markets Ltd) M Ryan 6-8-2	M Baird (7)	91
114	(12)	0000/0-	SOUTHAMPTON 18J (Highflyers) G Balding 4-8-1	D Harrison	80
115	(6)	00004-0	RED KITE 24 (S) (R Bales) R Spicer 5-7-9	J Quinn	–

BETTING: 2-1 Lowawatha, 4-1 Port Sunlight, 5-1 Brayowski, 7-1 Shergress, 10-1 Northern Conqueror, 12-1 Bag Of Tricks, Salbus, 14-1 Prince Rooney, 16-1 Southampton, 20-1 others.

1993: HERE HE COMES 7-7-10 J Quinn (9-4 fav) R Akehurst 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

PORT SUNLIGHT best effort when 1½l 2nd of 7 to American Swinger in handicap at Yarmouth (1m 2f 21yd, good to soft). SHERGRESS 3¾l 4th of 12 to Soba Up in handicap at Chester (1m 2f 75yd, soft). LOWAWATHA neck 2nd of 9 to Brackenthwaite in handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 1f 79yd). PRINCE ROONEY best effort when beating Bill Moon 1½l in amateurs' handicap at Chepstow (7f, good to firm). MAI PEN RAI best effort when 2¾l 3rd of 20 to Tocco Jewel in apprentices' claiming handicap at Leicester (1m, good to soft). JOLI'S GREAT short-head 2nd of 12 to Hiltzah in handicap at Yarmouth (1m 2f, good) on penultimate start. Selection: LOWAWATHA (nap)

2.20 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP (£3,106: 6f 189yd) (11 runners)

201	(7)	036330-	FRIENDLY BRAVE 177 (T Mills) T Mills 4-10-0	J Reid	92
202	(10)	550010-	SECOND CHANCE 159 (C,D,F,S) P Mitchell 4-9-13	W Newnes	91
203	(3)	114020-	COMANCHE COMPANION 149 (G,S) T Naughton 4-9-13	A Garth (5)	[illegible]
204	(2)	240000-	PRECIOUS WONDER 252 (CD,S) (D Butler) P Butler 5-9-2	L Dettori	92
205	(5)	661040-	BICHETTE 119 (CD,G,S) (P Higson) G L Moore 4-9-0	B Rouse	93
206	(6)	/20/000-	AFFIDARE 250 (B) (Skyline Racing Ltd) A Foster 5-9-0	J Fortune	84
207	(4)	5646-60	CALISAR 55 (D,G,S) (The Hammond Partnership) P Howling 4-8-11	Paul Eddery	86
208	(1)	40430/0	JATO 38 (Mrs M Southcott) S Williams 5-8-7	J Tate (5)	–
209	(11)	20220-1	ZINBAQ 7 (C,D,F,G,S) (Mrs R Baker) C Benstead 8-8-5 (7ex)	T Williams	90
210	(9)	150000-	NIGEL'S LUCKY GIRL 100 (CD,F,G) (N Greening) R Harris 6-8-4	J Quinn	89
211	(8)	0505	TELMAR SYSTEMS 7 (R Dodson) K Ivory 5-7-7	N Adams	89

Long handicap: Telmar Systems 7-6.

BETTING: 9-4 Zinbaq, 4-1 Friendly Brave, 5-1 Comanche Companion, Precious Wonder, 6-1 Bichette, 8-1 Second Chance, 16-1 Nigel's Lucky Girl, 20-1 Calisar, 25-1 Affidare, 33-1 Jato, Telmar Systems.

1993: MR NEVERMIND 3-8-4 B Rouse (6-1) G L Moore 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

FRIENDLY BRAVE 1¾l 3rd of 14 to Kimberley Park in handicap at Newbury (7f 64yd, good to soft) on penultimate start. SECOND CHANCE beat Lawnswood Junior 2l in rated stakes at Warwick (1m, heavy) on penultimate start. COMANCHE COMPANION ½l 2nd of 16 to Sagebrush Roller in handicap at Chester (7f 122yd, soft) on penultimate start. BICHETTE best effort when beating Nutty Brown 2l in 15-runner claimer over course and distance (soft). JATO best effort when 2l 2nd of 7 to Robingo in maiden at Yarmouth (7f, good to firm) in June 1992. ZINBAQ beat Christoph's Girl 1l in 12-runner handicap at Lingfield (AW, 7f). Selection: FRIENDLY BRAVE

2.50 ALDINGTON RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,243: 6f 189yd) (6 runners)

301	(4)	2400-	ASTRAL WEEKS 181 (G Howard-Spink) R Hannon 9-0	Pat Eddery	96
302	(5)	030-	BOLD MICK 159 (M Keep) D Murray Smith 9-0	G Rutter	[illegible]
303	(6)	0-622	BALMAHA 48 (Flying Fillies) W Haggas 8-9	J Williams	90
304	(3)	000-	DAILY SPORT CLUB 119 (Mrs R Smith) R Curtis 8-9	G Bardwell	73
305	(1)	040000-	EUROPHARM LASSIE 135 (K Higson) G L Moore 8-9	B Rouse	92
306	(2)	004-456	MACE EL REEM 51 (Racing Thoroughbreds Plc) P McEntee 8-9	J Weaver	74

BETTING: 5-4 Astral Weeks, 7-4 Balmaha, 9-2 Bold Mick, 10-1 Mace El Reem, 16-1 Europharm Lassie, 25-1 Daily Sport Club.

1993: SPRING SIXPENCE 8-9 G Duffield (11-2) J Fanshawe 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

ASTRAL WEEKS best effort when 2½l 4th to Mytilene in maiden at Leicester (7f, good to firm). BOLD MICK 2½l 3rd to Wakyl in maiden at Lingfield (6f, soft) on penultimate start. BALMAHA 2l 2nd of 6 to Hen Trogger in handicap at Lingfield (AW, 1m). DAILY SPORT CLUB 9½l 7th to Gallant Spirit in maiden auction here (6f, good to soft) on penultimate start. EUROPHARM LASSIE best effort when 11l 9th to Monkey's Wedding in handicap at Nottingham (6f, good). MACE EL REEM 4l 4th to Riskie Things in claimer at Lingfield (AW, 5f). Selection: ASTRAL WEEKS

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TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
J Fanshawe	4	17	23.5	Pat Eddery	25	82	30.5
W Haggas	3	14	21.4	J Weaver	3	12	25.0
G L Moore	3	17	17.6	L Dettori	9	51	17.6
R Hannon	19	120	15.8	T Quinn	21	133	15.8
M Channon	6	39	15.4	G Duffield	13	85	15.3
T Naughton	4	31	12.9	D Holland	9	59	15.3

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103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ...... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.20 SHORNECLIFFE MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,534: 6f) (10 runners)

401	(2)	00-	BELLO GALLICO 194 (M Maiolos) R Hannon 9-0	Pat Eddery	80
402	(1)		GALWAY BLAZER (Lord Mathews) R Williams 9-0	J Reid	–
403	(5)	26-	GO WITH BO 187 (N Goldman) G L Moore 9-0	B Rouse	94
404	(9)	0-	GRAND SALT 140 (T Daniels) M Haynes 9-0	J Williams	–
405	(10)	3200-	JAYANNPEE 165 (J Paniccia) I Balding 9-0	L Dettori	[illegible]
406	(6)	0050-	KISSAIR 161 (T Benson) G Lewis 9-0	Paul Eddery	85
407	(8)		PAPAGOS (R Hawthorn) S Dow 9-0	T Quinn	–
408	(7)		DAMARITA (Ms T Lanigan) T Naughton 8-9	D Holland	–
409	(4)		DECANT (Cheveley Park Stud) J Fanshawe 8-9	G Duffield	–
410	(3)	5-	SHE'S SWEET 315 (B Minty) D French Davis 8-9	N Adams	–

BETTING: 7-4 Jayannpee, 5-1 Bello Gallico, 6-1 Decant, Galway Blazer, 8-1 Go With Bo, 10-1 others.

1993: MR VINCENT 8-11 D Harrison (15-8) G Lewis 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

BELLO GALLICO 16l 11th of 13 to Lahuk in maiden at Sandown (7f, soft). GO WITH BO 3l 2nd of 5 to Balandra Boy in maiden auction at Sandown (5f, good) on debut. GRAND SALT 12l 8th of 15 to Gallant Spirit in maiden auction here (6f, good to soft). JAYANNPEE best effort when 1l 2nd of 8 to Domino Queen in maiden auction at Sandown (5f, soft). SHE'S SWEET 22l 15th of 16 to Desert Lore in maiden at Bath (5f, good). Selection: JAYANNPEE

3.50 HEADCORN MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O fillies: £2,489: 5f) (8 runners)

501	(6)	BISHOP'S LADY (J Goddard) M McCormack 8-7	J Reid	–
502	(8)	GALACIA (A Holbrook) W G M Turner 8-4	T Sprake	–
503	(1)	PLAY GOLF AT HEVER (R Popely) T Naughton 8-2	Paul Eddery	–
504	(7)	REIGN VICTORIOUS (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 8-1	N Gwilliams	–
505	(5)	ROSMOJIQUE STAR (J Littler) M Channon 8-1	T Quinn	–
506	(2)	RUPERT'S PRINCESS (F Sainsbury) M Heaton-Ellis 8-1	Stephen Davies (3)	–
507	(3)	LADY GOVERNOR (Racing Thoroughbreds Plc) P McEntee 8-0	N Adams	–
508	(4)	STONEHAM GIRL (Mrs L Moorington) P Butler 8-0	T Williams	–

BETTING: 6-4 Rosmojique Star, 3-1 Bishop's Lady, 11-2 Rupert's Princess, 7-1 Galacia, 10-1 others.

1993: MADAME GREGOIRE 8-11 R Cochrane (5-2) J Eustace 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

BISHOP'S LADY (Foaled Apr 5, cost 7,200gns). Half-sister by Prince Sabo to 5f winner Newbury Cost; dam unplaced. GALACIA (May 2, 4,000gns). Half-sister by Gallic League to 6f winner Wild Abandon, dam of little account. PLAY GOLF AT HEVER (Feb 11, 2,600gns). Half-sister by Absalom to winners abroad; dam full-sister to sprint handicapper Perfect Timing. RUPERT'S PRINCESS (Mar 25, 1,400gns) By Prince Rupert, dam poor maiden. ROSMOJIQUE STAR (Apr 2, 1,800gns). By Cyrano De Bergerac; dam of little account. No selection

4.20 ROCHESTER HANDICAP (£2,795: 5f) (7 runners)

601	(2)	22305-0	COVENT GARDEN GIRL 35 (D,G,S) W G M Turner 4-10-0	D McCabe (5)	94
602	(7)	642600-	MOVING IMAGE 138 (D,G,S) (Mrs C Rawson) H Collingridge 4-9-10	C Dwyer	90
603	(3)	40030-4	PURBECK CENTENARY 27 (D,G) P Howling 4-9-8	Dean McKeown	93
604	(4)	2030-40	LITTLE OSBORNE 42 (B) (Ms C Prior) C Williams 4-8-13	L Dettori	90
605	(8)	00-4000	PAT POINDESTRES 21 (G) (J Daniels) M Dixon 4-8-9	N Gwilliams	92
606	(5)	300014	HINARI VIDEO 11 (D,G,S) (Mark Johnston Racing Ltd) M Johnston 9-8-8	J Weaver	[illegible]
607	(1)	0300-60	BANDITA 21 (Mrs S Carpenter) Miss A Whitfield 3-8-3	R Street	98

BETTING: 2-1 Hinari Video, 7-2 Purbeck Centenary, 5-1 Little Osborne, 6-1 Moving Image, Covent Garden Girl, 10-1 Pat Poindestres, 16-1 Bandita.

1993: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

COVENT GARDEN GIRL best effort when beating First Option ½l in handicap at Carlisle (5f, good). MOVING IMAGE best effort when 1½l 2nd to Face The Future in handicap at Yarmouth (6f, good to soft) with PURBECK CENTENARY (3lb worse off) 1½l 3rd. PURBECK CENTENARY 3l 4th to Al Shead in handicap at Lingfield (AW, 6f) with PAT POINDESTRES (13lb worse off) 23l last. LITTLE OSBORNE about 3½l 4th of 8 to Farndale in maiden at Wolverhampton (AW, 6f) on penultimate start. HINARI VIDEO beat Kalar ¾l in handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 5f) on penultimate start with PAT POINDESTRES (16lb worse off) tailed off last. Selection: COVENT GARDEN GIRL

4.50 KINGSNORTH HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,028: 1m 4f) (13 runners)

1	(12)	360-	PHIL'S TIME 154 (J Bird) T Mills 9-7	W Newnes	88
2	(2)	0-212	DAWN ROCK 41 (B,BF,G) (G Lang) P Kelleway 9-0	M Wigham	93
3	(9)	10352-2	LYING EYES 23 (S) (A Holbrook) W G M Turner 8-13	A Daly (7)	92
4	(10)	06-0313	BANDAR PERAK 36 (S) (P Ang) S Dow 8-12	J Reid	94
5	(7)	000-4	POLY SCREEN 11 (Sheet & Roll Convertors Ltd) M Channon 8-7	T Quinn	90
6	(6)	0040-	DEBLYN 182 (P Warren) R Curtis 8-2	G Duffield	98
7	(4)	04-60	GOLDEN HADEER 23 (Two Worlds Engineering) R Harris 7-13	Stephen Davies (3)	92
8	(13)	000-	EASY D'OR 187 (Baron F Oppenheim) M Bell 7-11	Darren Moffatt (5)	88
9	(1)	201560-	FOREVER BLUSHING 149 (C,F) (Mass M Bryant) P Butler 7-11	G Bardwell	94
10	(8)	34500-4	BERNIE'S SISTER 31 (J Lewis) C Allen 7-11	F Savage (7)	98
11	(3)	000-	LITTLE BROOK 151 (R Page) T Jones 7-11	N Carlisle	92
12	(11)	0506-30	LITTLE LUKE 23 (Mrs B Armstrong) P Butler 7-9	D Wright (5)	[illegible]
13	(5)	00-00	DEVILSDANCER 20 (K Payne) H Collingridge 7-7	J Quinn	–

Long handicap: Devilsdancer 7-6

BETTING: 3-1 Bandar Perak, 4-1 Dawn Rock, 11-2 Lying Eyes, 6-1 Poly Screen, 8-1 others.

1993: ONE VOICE 9-5 G Duffield (7-2) M Prescott 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

PHIL'S TIME best effort when 5½l 3rd of 9 to Kalsk in maiden auction here (7f, soft) on debut with LITTLE LUKE (23lb better off) 18½l last. DAWN ROCK 1l 2nd of 6 to Lively in claimer at Lingfield (AW, 1m 2f) with LITTLE LUKE (9lb better off) 2l 3rd. LYING EYES 3l 2nd of 13 to New Inn in seller at Catterick (7f, good) on penultimate start. BANDAR PERAK 2l 3rd of 7 to Filao Beach in conditions race at Cagnes-Sur-Mer (1m 2f, soft). POLY SCREEN 11½l 4th of 5 to Prince Danzig in handicap at Lingfield (AW, 1m 2f). FOREVER BLUSHING best effort when beating Comeonup short-head in seller here (7f, good to firm). Selection: DAWN ROCK

LEADERS OVER THE JUMPS

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stakes
M Pipe	92	70	45	1	-59.56
Mrs M Reveley	81	68	45	8	-26.19
D Nicholson	73	52	33	1	+61.13
K Bailey	57	46	30	22	-36.37
N Twiston-Davies	51	42	44	3	-58.15
J White	47	33	28	6	-79.77
P Hobbs	47	36	35	3	+84.13
J Gifford	39	50	35	12	-46.87
M Hammond	38	40	25	1	-54.34

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
A Maguire	156	125	82	6	+3.22
R Dunwoody	138	108	85	0	-80.97
J Osborne	88	67	45	3	-48.82
P Niven	74	59	37	7	-44.24
N Williamson	70	77	51	18	-117.84
G McCourt	57	46	37	6	-36.33
M A Fitzgerald	54	42	55	10	-96.24
D Murphy	48	47	45	3	-53.76
L Wyer	45	30	38	0	+61.42

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Doncaster

Going: good (good to firm in straight)

2.00 (5f) 1, Rigeby (T Quinn, 6-1); 2, Satisfied Prince (100-30); 3, Ritzibelle (15-2). Interlink 3 fav. 10 ran. Nk, 3l. M Channon. Tote: £6.10; £2.50, £1.20, £3.50. DF: £9.50. CSF: £26.49.

2.30 (1m 4f) 1, Persian Brave (M Hills, 7-2); 2, Linpac West (5-1); 3, Oh So Risky (5-2 fav). 7 ran. NR: Spinning. 4l, nk. M Bell. Tote: £4.50; £1.80, £2.90. DF: £17.60. CSF: £19.49.

3.00 (7f) 1, Kindergarten Boy (W Carson, 10-1); 2, Blurred Image (8-1); 3, Dime Time (11-2); 4, Ovalworld (33-1). King Rat 3 fav. 18 ran. NR: Sharp Tycoon. ¾l, 2½l. R Boss. Tote: £8.50; £1.70, £2.40, £1.70, £8.20. DF: £31.40. Trio: £88.30. CSF: £91.15. Tricast: £457.73.

3.40 (1m) 1, Our Rita (D Holland, 16-1); 2, Just You Dare (25-1); 3, Walmwright (12-1); 4, Castel Rosselo (14-1). Mahool 7 fav. 24 ran. ¾l, 1l. J Scargill. Tote: £16.80; £3.20, £4.60, £3.40, £3.30. DF: £149.70. Trio: £535.20. CSF: £324.22. Tricast: £5,751.40. After a stewards' enquiry, Missed Flight was disqualified from third and placed last.

4.15 (6f) 1, Amron (N Carlisle, 7-1); 2, Montendre (11-2); 3, Bid For Blue (7-1). Rafferty's Rules 4 fav. 12 ran. Hd, ¾l. J Berry. Tote: £8.80; £2.10, £3.40, £2.50. DF: £13.60. Trio: £28.40. CSF: £46.70.

4.45 (1m 2f 60yd) 1, Moonax (M Hills, 9-2); 2, Apache Plume (5-6 fav); 3, Durable (9-2). 10 ran. 4l, 4l. B Hills. Tote: £5.90; £1.80, £1.20, £1.50. DF: £5.00. CSF: £9.76.

5.15 (6f) 1, Indian Fly (Pat Eddery, 7-4 fav); 2, Robin Lake (11-4); 3, Dinol (25-1). 7 ran. NR: State Soleil. 3l, 1l. R Hannon. Tote: £2.40; £1.70, £1.70. DF: £3.20. CSF: £6.68.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £39,504.42 carried forward to Folkestone today).

Placepot: £354.80.

Bangor

2.10 1, Batty's Island (5-6 fav); 2, Raggerty (9-2); 3, Kadari (15-2). 7 ran.

2.40 1, All Greek To Me (8-1); 2, Andrath (9-1); 3, Sultan's Son (13-2). Don't Forget Marie 9-4 fav. 15 ran.

3.10 1, Fast Cruise (12-1); 2, Positive Action (7-2); 3, Swinhoe Croft (4-1). Comedy Road 5-4 fav. 7 ran. NR: Candy Tuff.

3.45 1, Nawrik (14-1); 2, Tartan Tradewinds (4-1 jt-fav); 3, Squires Privilege (13-2). Florida Sky 4 jt-fav. 14 ran.

4.20 1, Patroclus (11-4); 2, Tusky (11-2); 3, Searcy (20-1). White Diamond 5-2 fav. 10 ran. NR: Son Of Iris, Who Sir.

4.55 1, Gallateen (2-7 fav); 2, Ridaka (12-1); 3, Beaufan (9-1). 5 ran.

5.25 1, Air Shot (1-2 fav); 2, Ballyallia Castle (10-1); 3, Curraheen View (14-1). 15 ran.

Lingfield Park

2.20 1, Blue Ensign (33-1); 2, Divine Boy (9-1); 3, Doodies Pool (9-4 fav). 11 ran.

2.50 1, Kalar (7-2); 2, Ewald (6-4 fav); 3, Lift Boy (5-1). 5 ran.

3.25 1, Rapporteur (1-4 fav); 2, Lyph (4-1); 3, Golden Sphinx (9-1). 3 ran. NR: Gold Blade.

3.55 1, Bassio (33-1); 2, Barahin (8-1); 3, Modesto (9-2 jt-fav). Camden's Ransom 9-2 jt-fav. 12 ran.

4.25 1, Medland (7-2 jt-fav); 2, Flying Wind (14-1); 3, Sleeptite (14-1). Lively 7-2 jt-fav. 10 ran.

5.00 1, Milos (11-4); 2, As Such (5-4 fav); 3, Tawana (4-1). 4 ran.

Newbury

1.30 1, Daring Past (100-30); 2, Warm Spell (5-2 fav); 3, Hostile Witness (15-2). 8 ran. NR: Matua.

2.00 1, Nevada Gold (15-8 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Solidasarock (9-2); 3, Forest Sun (13-2). 7 ran. NR: Bishops Island.

2.30 1, Go Mary (20-1); 2, Gospel (7-1); 3, Loch Scavaig (12-1). Brief Gale 2 fav. 14 ran.

3.05 1, Destiny Calls (4-1); 2, Arctic Life (14-1); 3, Credon (8-1). Welsh Mill 9-4 fav. 14 ran.

3.35 1, All For Luck (2-1 fav); 2, Willow Gale (4-1); 3, Hangover (8-1). 7 ran.

4.05 1, Senior Steward (10-1); 2, Tickerty's Gift (7-2); 3, Mr Jervis (5-1). Edithmead 2 fav. 11 ran. NR: Captain Bert.

4.35 1, Knightsbridge Star (12-1); 2, Lively Knight (8-1); 3, Norse Raider (33-1). Merlins Dream 11-4 fav. 21 ran. NR: Alongwaydown, Galaxy Abound.

Sedgefield

1.55 1, Lady Be Brave (11-4); 2, Highland Friend (7-1); 3, Elvett Bridge (7-1). Glen Mirage 5-2 fav. 9 ran.

2.25 1, Kinda Groovy (14-1); 2, Russian Castle (5-1); 3, Doc Spot (8-1). Midnight Flotilla 2 fav. 13 ran.

2.55 1, Devongale (4-6 fav); 2, Laplafie (5-1); 3, Classic Minstrel (14-1). 6 ran.

3.30 1, Moyode Regent (9-4); 2, Jenny's Glen (33-1). Tallywagger 5-6 fav. 5 ran.

4.00 1, Clares Own (11-4); 2, Shrewd John (5-2 fav); 3, Terrible Gel (7-2). 6 ran.

4.30 1, Who's Tef (4-1); 2, Any Dream Would Do (10-1); 3, Notable Exception (2-1 fav). 7 ran. NR: Regal Romper.

Warwick

2.15 1, Presently (13-2); 2, Friendly Monet (33-1); 3, Halkard (16-1). Granmas Delight 100-30 fav. 14 ran.

2.45 1, Spot The Dove (20-1); 2, Don't Jump (13-2 jt-fav); 3, Knobbleeneeze (13-2 jt-fav); 4, Leguard Express (16-1). 20 ran. NR: Tocco Jewel.

3.15 1, Causley (7-2 fav); 2, Different Times (4-1); 3, Arjjil (25-1). 16 ran.

3.45 1, Fox Sparrow (8-11 fav); 2, Karachi (9-2); 3, Saint Ciel (5-2). 3 ran.

4.20 1, Leigh Crofter (9-1); 2, Sarnot (12-1); 3, Tomoshenko (40-1); 4, Bright Paragon (9-1). Pretonic 9-2 fav. 17 ran. NR: Lilah Derek.

4.50 1, Lloc (10-11 fav); 2, New Heights (9-1); 3, Gallows Corner (3-1). 9 ran.

5.20 1, Matching Green (14-1); 2, Flyaway (7-1); 3, Scopama (20-1). Mingavie 3 fav. 13 ran.

NEWTON ABBOT

THUNDERER

2.10 Munka. 2.40 Dreams End. 3.10 Knockaverry. 3.40 Caribbean Prince. 4.10 Social Climber. 4.40 Going Around. 5.10 Emma's Way.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.40 HEAD TURNER.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (GOOD IN PLACES) SIS

2.10 WEST COUNTRY NOVICES CHASE (£2,413: 2m 5f) (7 runners)

1	4444	BOLD STREET BLUES 23 J Bennett 7-11-3	C Llewellyn	–
2	-FPP	CROSULA 96 M Pipe 6-11-3	R Dunwoody	–
3	40F3	DUNKERY BEACON 23 H Howe 8-11-3	P McLoughlin (7)	77
4	3002	FAR TOO LOUD 9 (F,G,S) Mrs J Retter 7-11-3	M A Fitzgerald	98
5	3642	MUNKA 23 (B,S) P Hobbs 8-11-3	Peter Hobbs	[illegible]
6	6224	PRUDENT PEGGY 9 (CD,S) R Frost 7-11-3	J Frost	91
7	2-PF	PURPLE SPRAY 10 R Hoad 9-11-3	N Williamson	–

7-4 Munka, 3-1 Far Too Loud, 4-1 Dunkery Beacon, 6-1 others.

2.40 SOUTH WEST OF ENGLAND NOVICES HURDLE (£1,910: 2m 1f) (13)

1	3P0P	DARINGLY 30 (G) H Manners 5-11-8	Mr G Brown	50
2	13	DREAMS END 13 (D,S) P Hobbs 6-11-8	C Llewellyn	[illegible]
3	026	BEE BEAT 14 H Manners 6-11-2	M Appleby (7)	61
4	-3PP	MR ZIEGFELD 115 (B) R Baker 5-11-2	W McFarland	50
5	00FP	VALIANTHE 25 (B) M Pipe 6-11-2	J Lower	67
6	006	MA BELLA LUNA 21 J Moore 5-10-11	P Moore (7)	50
7	0U	MYRTILLA 60 A Tumell 5-10-11	L Harvey	53
8	PPP-	ROYAL HONEY BEE 329 P Wakely 6-10-11	Mr L Jefford (7)	–
9	000	EL GRANDO 53 K Cunningham-Brown 4-10-9	A Charlton	–
10	P	SET-EM-ALIGHT 132 R Frost 4-10-9	J Frost	–
11	P	JEAN BRODIE 14 H Howe 4-10-4	R Davis (3)	–
12	P3	KOSVILLE 14 M Pipe 4-10-4	R Dunwoody	55
13	3332	LA VILLA ROSE 12 (BF) J Payne 4-10-4	A Maguire	73

2-7 Dreams End, 8-1 La Villa Rose, 12-1 Myrtilla, 16-1 Kosville, 20-1 others.

3.10 HAYTOR MARES ONLY NOVICES HURDLE (£2,621: 2m 6f) (9)

1	1510	ELAINE TULLY 12 (D,S) P Hobbs 6-12-3	Mr S Mulcaire (7)	[illegible]
2	2511	KNOCKAVERRY 6 (G,S) M Wilkinson 6-11-12	P Ward (7)	86
3	5054	DANCING DANCER 25 R Frost 5-11-2	J Frost	57
4	2P6P	HAND OUT 54 (S) R Buckler 10-11-2	B Powell	–
5	0003	JANET SCIBS 12 N Ayliffe 8-11-2	D Matthews (5)	70
6		MATCH HANS M Coombe 9-11-2	M A Fitzgerald	–
7	P006	SPIRIT LEVEL 12 J Payne 6-11-2	Mr R Payne (7)	64
8	P226	STORMY SUNSET 14 W Dennis 7-11-2	Mr N Moore (7)	75
9	P0	CELTIC LILLEY 21 R Hoad 4-10-7	M Hoad	–

8-11 Elaine Tully, 7-4 Knockaverry, 10-1 Janet Scibs, 12-1 others.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Folkestone: 2.20 Affidare. 4.50 Dawn Rock.

3.40 OLD SAW MILL HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,634: 2m 1f) (7)

1	1135	CELCIUS 77 (B,CD,F,G,S) M Pipe 10-11-10	R Dunwoody	88
2	-306	SAILOR BLUE 90 (F) A Tumell 7-11-6	L Harvey	95
3	0-23	THE MINDER 14 (D,S) G Edwards 7-11-4	D Salter (5)	90
4	F-22	CARIBBEAN PRINCE 21 (CD,F,S) Mrs J Retter 6-11-3	M A Fitzgerald	88
5	P0-2	HEAD TURNER 20F (D,G) C Wildman 6-10-10	A Maguire	[illegible]
6	0063	WINDWARD ARIOM 16 (F,G,S) K Burke 8-10-7	R Marley	87
7	6053	MILDRED SOPHIA 7 (CD,S) N Mitchell 7-10-0	Miss S Mitchell (7)	92

5-2 Caribbean Prince, 11-4 The Minder, 4-1 Celcius, 6-1 Sailor Blue, 8-1 others.

4.10 GUNNERS HANDICAP CHASE (£3,111: 2m 5f) (6)

1	6-PP	RUSSELL ROVER 19 (D,G) G Ham 9-11-10	C Maude	85
2	5032	SOCIAL CLIMBER 91 (G,S) A Tumell 10-11-10	S McNeill	98
3	5PP1	POWDER BOY 14 (D,F,G) R Hodges 9-11-9	R Dunwoody	97
4	-2P0	STAR ACTOR 21 N Henderson 8-11-6	M A Fitzgerald	93
5	5331	NEEDS MUST 12 (C,S) R Frost 7-10-13	J Frost	[illegible]
6	U/1	WINTER'S LANE 12 (CD,F,G,S) S Pike 10-10-10	A Maguire	98

15-8 Social Climber, 9-4 Powder Boy, 5-1 Winter's Lane, 6-1 others.

4.40 RED DEVILS OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (Div I: £1,864: 2m 1f) (9)

1	6	GOING AROUND 30 K Bailey 6-11-0	N Williamson	–
2		MANOR COTTAGE C Broad 5-11-0	N Collum (7)	–
3	0	NANOOK 32 R Simpson 5-11-0	D Gallagher	–
4		PADDITATE R Hodges 5-11-0	R Dunwoody	–
5	050	RIVER LEVEN 9 (B) D Gandolfo 5-11-0	J McCarthy (3)	–
6	0-0	MADAM MARGEAUX 5 Mrs J Retter 5-10-9	M A Fitzgerald	–
7		MUTLEY P Hobbs 4-10-7	Peter Hobbs	–
8		PRINCE NASHA K Cunningham-Brown 4-10-7	A Charlton	–
9		SPIKEE ROSE G Jones 4-10-2	P McLoughlin (7)	–

9-4 Mutley, 3-1 Going Around, 4-1 Padditate, 7-1 Manor Cottage, 8-1 others.

5.10 RED DEVILS OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (Div II: £1,864: 2m 1f) (9)

1	0	BORIS BAGLEY 9 D Chesney 6-11-0	N Wilmington (7)	–
2		QUICKRETREAT G Humphrey 5-11-0	B Powell	–
3		BLUE NIGHT Mrs Scott 5-10-9	Mr J Scott	–
4	0	EMMA'S WAY 38 D Nicholson 5-10-9	A Maguire	–
5	0-	NEARLY AT SEA 324 C Down 5-10-9	Mr L Jefford (7)	–
6		PRIVILEGEDTOSERVE K Bishop 5-10-9	M Moran (7)	–
7	0	BLUE DOCTOR 38 R Hodges 4-10-7	R Dunwoody	–
8		KING OF THE MICKS P Wakely 4-10-7	Mr N Moore (7)	–
9	00	SHAMELESS LADY 9 G Ham 4-10-2	S Mackey	–

2-1 Emma's Way, 11-4 Blue Doctor, 4-1 Privilegedtoserve, 7-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: N Henderson, 5 winners from 16 runners, 31.3%; M Pipe, 103 from 340, 30.3%; K Burke, 5 from 18, 27.8%; K Bailey, 9 from 33, 27.3%; P Hobbs, 24 from 105, 22.9%; G Ham, 11 from 82, 13.4%.

JOCKEYS: N Williamson, 11 winners from 45 rides, 24.4%; J Lower, 8 from 34, 23.5%; R Dunwoody, 21 from 99, 21.2%; C Llewellyn, 10 from 50, 20.0%; Peter Hobbs, 16 from 91, 17.6%.

RESULTS FROM 13 POINT-TO-POINT MEETINGS

HOLDERNESS (Dalton Park): Hunt: 1, Jerngo (M Sowersby, 4-5 fav); 2, Leganbrae; 3, Current Prince. 7 ran. Confined: 1, Extra Beat (A Ogden, 2-1 fav); 2, Convincing; 3, Captain Chance. 14 ran. Open: 1, Mahana (D Coates, 2-1 fav); 2, Mister Tuffer; 3, Park Drift. 11 ran. Ladies: 1, Magic Whip (Mrs J Brown, 4-9 fav); 2, Barrgemma; 3, Courageous Owl. 6 ran. BFSS: 1, After Four (S Swiers, 6-4 fav); 2, Ubu Val; 3, Course Of Action. 13 ran. Open Mdn I: 1, Rapid Fire (N Wilson, 5-2); 2, Ganthorpe; 3, No Reply. 10 ran. Open Mdn II: 1, Le Toad (Miss R Clark, 6-1); 2, Just Charlie; 3, Tugra. 14 ran. Open Mdn III: 1, Keoni (N Tutty, 7-2); 2, Somerby; 3, Ginge. 12 ran.

BELVOIR (Garthorpe): Hunt: 1, Ram Mark (M Chatterton, 1-2 fav); 2, The Jeweller; 3, Toozan Tak. 5 ran. Confined: 1, Raise An Argument (J Docker, 4-1); 2, Some Flash; 3, R N Commander. 9 ran. Ladies: 1, Neltama (Miss K Gilman, 2-5 fav); 2, Sanamar; 3, Bucks County. 6 ran. Open: 1, Alpha One (D Pease, 4-1); 2, Padrigal; 3, Mick's Tycoon. 7 ran. Rest: 1, Sam's Birthday (Mrs J Saunders, Evens fav); 2, Nearly Nightfall; 3, The Harbourer. 16 ran. Open Mdn: 1, Beau Dandy (C Shand Kydd, Evens fav); 2, Georgie; 3, Broadcaster. 11 ran.

CLIFTON-ON-TEME (Upper Sapey): Open Mdn (Div I part I): 1, Another Thought (R Evans, 7-1); 2, Bruce's Castle; 3, Furry Fox. 10 ran. Open Mdn (Div I part II): 1, Game Set (J Pritchard, 10-1); 2, Electric Panic; 3, O K Swena. 9 ran. Open Mdn (Div II part I): 1, The Pedlar (G Godsall, 8-1); 2, Malvernian; 3, Andyworth. 11 ran. Open Mdn (Div II part II): 1, Shotivor (W Bryan, 7-1); 2, Grey Gorden; 3, Aldington Charlie. 11 ran. Open Mdn III: 1, Rue De Fort (J Comes, 20-1); 2, African Minstrel; 3, Emily's Trust. 17 ran. Hunt: 1, Sisterly (M Jackson, 1-2 fav); 2, Rymolbreese; 3, Only The Lonely. 6 ran. Rest I: 1, Tultmur George (A Phillips, 2-1 fav); 2, Prince Ceva; 3, Cussane Cross. 12 ran. Rest II: 1, Stanford Boy (T Stephenson, 6-1); 2, Scally's Choice; 3, Sound As A Pound. 12 ran. Intermediate: 1, Blue Cheek (N Bradley, 4-6 fav); 2, Legal Intent; 3, Northern Quay. 11 ran. Open: 1, Ask Frank (H Wheeler, 7-4 fav); 2, Scally Muire; 3, Chip 'N' Run. 15 ran. Ladies: 1, Stephens Pet (Miss A Dare, 2-5 fav); 2, Fell Mist; 3, Czermno. 8 ran. Confined: 1, Lost Fortune (H Wheeler, 1-3 fav); 2, Sharinski; 3, January Don. 9 ran.

CRAWLEY & HORSHAM (Parham): Hunt: 1, Amazon Lily (M Gorman, 9-2); 2, Drewitts Dancer; 3, Chancellorsville. 6 ran. Rest: 1, Welshman's Creek (C Newport, 2-1); 2, Wisebow; 3, Pea Sal. 8 ran. Confined: 1, Topping-The-Bill (A Walsh, 11-10 fav); 2, Sky Venture; 3, Johnny Rose. 5 ran. Open: 1, Which Way Now (D Evatt, 1-3 fav); 2, Ringyboy. 3 ran. Ladies: 1, Qualified (Mrs L Boscawen, 2-1 jt-fav); 2, Nam Parc; 3, Alleged Savage. 6 ran. Open Mdn: 1, Celtic Demon (C Gordon, 10-1); 2, Gunner Jim; 3, Hatherden Tomboy. 11 ran.

CURRE (Howick): Hunt: 1, Taureen Tycoon (J Price, 4-6 fav); 2, Glamgram's Best; 3, Captain Mannering. 6 ran. Rest I: 1, Hello Grandad (J Forbes, 11-1); 2, Spanish Rouge; 3, Celtic Gamble. 12 ran. Rest (Div II): 1, Zephyr Nights (S Blackwell, 20-1); 2, Howaryasun; 3, Ballyalia Boy. 12 ran. Confined: 1, Charlyth-philander (T Jones, 11-1); 2, Silks Domino; 3, Trumpet Player. 12 ran. Land Rover Open: 1, Sandy Beau (T Jones, 2-1 fav); 2, Space Prince; 3, Busted Rock. 10 ran. Ladies: 1, Welsh Legion (Miss C Burgess, 4-5 fav); 2, Matsbc; 3, Frome Boy. 13 ran. Mdn I: 1, Ballymac Girl (T Jones, 3-1); 2, Osceola; 3, Sergeant Silver. 16 ran. Mdn II: 1, Linamic (T Jones, 4-1); 2, Ramsey Street; 3, Cantantivy. 15 ran.

DUKE OF BUCCLEUCH'S (Friars Haugh): Rest I: 1, Ruber (Miss P Robson, 6-1); 2, Double U-A; 3, Merry Jerry. 11 ran. Rest II: 1, Hallo Sensation (P Craggs, 5-2 jt-fav); 2, Zagazig; 3, Lady Loch. 11 ran. PPOA: 1, Evening Rush (Mrs A Farrell, Evens fav); 2, Run Leah Run; 3, Furry Venture. 6 ran. Confined: 1, Rede Rebel (T Scott, 5-4 fav); 2, Carly Brin; 3, Paddy Hayton. 9 ran. Ladies: 1, Across The Lake (Miss S Brotherton, 2-1 fav); 2, Marshalstoneswood; 3, Miniong. 10 ran. Open: 1, Gunmetal Boy (M Dun, 4-6 fav); 2, Ready Steady; 3, Gone Astray. 6 ran. Mdn I: 1, Batty Betty (Miss J Thurlow, 6-4 fav); 2, Fast Fun; 3, Maxton. 15 ran. Mdn II: 1, Dedey (Mrs H Graham, 25-1); 2, Milly's Way; 3, Worthy Spark. 17 ran. Hunt: 1, Misty Night (Miss A Bowie, 4-5 fav). 4 ran.

ESSEX (High Easter): Confined: 1, Millbay (N Bloom, 2-5 fav); 2, River Melody; 3, Sound Of Jura. 12 ran. Rest: 1, Chatterley (N Bloom, 5-2); 2, Fabulous Francy; 3, White Bullet. 16 ran. Hunt: 1, York Royal (Mrs K Moore); 1, Foxy Games (R Gill); 3, Takeover Bid. 4 ran. Open: 1, Melton Park (N Bloom, 4-5 fav); 2, Azusa; 3, No Rebasse. 6 ran. Ladies: 1, Durbo (Mrs N Ledger, 9-4); 2, Easy Over; 3, Shedid. 11 ran. Mdn (Div I; part I): 1, Cass (T Moore, 4-1); 2, Nothing's Free; 3, Rymers Run. 8 ran. Mdn (Part II): 1, Hestan Island (N Bloom, 4-7 fav); 2, Ryme And Run; 3, Wolfgang. 8 ran. Mdn (Div II): 1, Fighting Trout (N Bloom, 6-4 fav); 2, Danbury Lad; 3, Weyward Quay. 11 ran.

GRAFTON (Mollington): Hunt: 1, Grecian Saint (J Connell, 14-1); 2, Larry The Lamb; 3, Shipmate. 7 ran. Confined: 1, True Steel (J Trice-Rolph); 1, Lord Fawsley (G Tarry); 3, Golden Standard. 9 ran. Rest: 1, Teatrader (R Russell, 7-2); 2, Bright As A Button; 3, Diamond Valley. 13 ran. Sporting Life Ladies: 1, Treat Me Good (Mrs P Adams, 33-1); 2, High Edge Grey; 3, Green Archer. 11 ran. Mdn I: 1, Royal Fireworks (Miss S Higgins, 7-2); 2, Linlake Lightning; 3, Mr Pinball. 13 ran. Open: 1, Joburn (John Pritchard, 8-11 fav); 2, Parson's Cross; 3, Kelly's Honor. 8 ran. Mdn II: 1, Kelly's Eye (R Lawther, 8-1); 2, Toral; 3, Chef's Special. 10 ran. Mdn III: 1, Solar Rocket (A Sansome, 8-1); 2, Tenella's Last; 3, Cool Rascal. 15 ran.

LAMERTON (Kilworthy): Hunt: 1, Cregg Boreen (W G Turner, 2-7 fav); 2, Skylarian. 6 ran. Ladies: 1, Kingsmill Imp (Mrs J Mills, 10-1); 2, For A Lark; 3, Searcher. 7 ran. Confined: 1, Benjamin Lancaster (Mrs C Wonnacott, 8-1); 2, Kings Alderman; 3, Chevalogan. 10 ran. Open: 1, Yiragan (W G Turner, 5-4 fav); 2, Air Truth; 3, Wheat Prosper. 6 ran. Rest: 1, Rough Tor (J Culloty, 2-1 fav); 2, Taomin Tyrant; 3, Jackson Blue. 17 ran. Intermediate: 1, Rathmichael (W G Turner, 2-1 fav); 2, Columbique; 3, Whats Your Game. 11 ran. Mdn I: 1, Kaloore (P Scholfield, 4-5 fav); 2, Skiview; 3, Probation. 12 ran. Mdn II: 1, Batsi (I Widdicombe, 5-1); 2, Neil's Way; 3, Tarka-Country. 10 ran.

TIVYSIDE (Pantyderi): Hunt: 1, Mount Falcon (Miss C Morgan, 4-7 fav); 2, Random Push; 3, Mamie Fach. 5 ran. Confined: 1, Daisy Miller (D Jones, 5-2); 2, The Blue Boy; 3, Moving Force. 8 ran. Open: 1, Doubting Donna (V Hughes, 5-2); 2, Radio Cue; 3, Handcome Harvey. 6 ran. Ladies: 1, Duke Of Impney (Miss G Gibson). Rest: 1, Judgeroger (G Lewis, 3-1); 2, Valiant Friend; 3, Proud Drifter. 6 ran. Mdn I: 1, Miss Millbrook (V Hughes, 6-4); 2, Mylordmayor. 3 ran. Mdn II: 1, Argaluos (J Tudor, 6-4 fav); 2, Madiyan; 3, Star Of Montana. 7 ran. Mdn III: 1, Glen Nova (V Hughes, 3-1); 2, Tricky Dex. 4 ran.

VALE OF THE WHITE HORSE (Siddington): Hunt: 1, Creeves Nephew (Capt D Parker, 3-1); 2, Viking Flame; 3, Royal Gleason. 10 ran. Confined: 1, Vulgan Warrior (D Duggan, 7-2); 2, Perry Well; 3, Give Me A Break. 13 ran. Open: 1, Space Man (P Howse, 5-2 fav); 2, Severs Cut; 3, Highland Son. 12 ran. Ladies: 1, Leigh Boy (Mrs A Rucker, 6-4 fav); 2, Celtic Caber; 3, Swing Free. 6 ran. Rest: 1, Prince Of Verona (C Ward-Thomas, 5-4 fav); 2, Micheal's Best; 3, Pensham's Pride. 13 ran. Maiden: 1, Wayside Boy (M Portman, 4-1); 2, Perseverance; 3, Golden Triumph. 16 ran.

WESTON & BANWELL HARRIERS (Wilton): Hunt: 1, Turkish Slave (A Haycox, 7-1); 2, Anricador; 3, Spiculate. 6 ran. Open Mdn: 1, Play Poker (J Sprake, 4-7 fav); 2, Lasting Charm; 3, Paulmatic. 5 ran. Confined: 1, Sorrel Hill (Miss S Vickery, 4-9 fav); 2, New Game; 3, Ha'penny Bridge. 7 ran. Open: 1, Faithful Star (D Pipe, Evens fav); 2, West Quay; 3, Ryming Cuplet. 12 ran. Ladies: 1, Baoilea (Miss J Brackenbury, 6-4); 2, Roving Glen; 3, Anstos. 9 ran. Rest: 1, Toomer Lad (R Bevis, 20-1); 2, Majestic Spirit; 3, Bridge Express. 15 ran.

WILTON (Badbury Rings): Hunt: 1, Ascertainmoor (A Wardall, 5-4 fav); 2, Saleapolo; 3, Summer Saga. 4 ran. Open Mdn (Div I part I): 1, Jellyband (N Toal, 12-1); 2, Chidhay Chocolate; 3, Saville Beg. 9 ran. Open Mdn (Div I part II): 1, Scewsby Lees (T Mitchell, 6-1); 2, Summers Pride; 3, Rodclyffe. 8 ran. Open Mdn II: 1, Vital Song (G Mathews, 5-2); 2, Gramme; 3, Bickfield. 15 ran. Mixed Open: 1, Cannaas (Miss P Curling, 4-1); 2, Blue Dart; 3, Lothian Admiral. 9 ran. Confined: 1, Lewesdon Hill (Miss P Curling, 4-7 fav); 2, Busteele; 3, Certain Style. 12 ran. Intermediate: 1, Straight Talk (Miss P Curling, 2-5 fav); 2, Prinzal; 3, Henley Wood. 6 ran. Rest: 1, Cherrynut (Miss P Curling, 4-11 fav); 2, Harry Belle; 3, Speed Stick. 12 ran.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: LITTLE BROOK (4.50 Folkestone)

Nb: Comanche Companion (2.20 Folkestone)

Cautious Arsenal distracted by European calling


Graham: wants credit

Arsenal 1
Liverpool 0

BY PETER ROBINSON

ARSENAL crave respect. Success, silverware, trophies and titles, but, above all, respect. Barcelona, Real Madrid, Milan and Manchester United — they have it, that mixture of deference and admiration that the truly big clubs are granted by their contemporaries. Arsenal want it, too. It *matters* to them.

It has become, over the years, the club's prime motivation, its driving force. Winning things is no longer enough; acknowledgment is what counts. "People still don't give us the credit we deserve, they still don't," George Graham complained quietly on Saturday, frowning at the idea. The bitterness was visible for only a moment, but it nagged at him. *Graham, more than anybody else,* fuels Arsenal's demand for due regard.

It is why success in Europe has become this season's holy grail at Highbury. Since Graham began as manager in 1986, the club has won two league championships; last season, they won both of the big domestic cup competitions, taking home two trophies to Manchester United's one; but still Graham suspects it is not enough. Thus he put the European Cup-Winners' Cup at the top of his list of priorities at the start of the season.

It remains at the top of that list, now thickly underlined in red ink as other domestic prizes have drifted out of reach. Tomorrow night, Arsenal meet Paris Saint-Germain in the first leg of the competition's semi-final, the first of perhaps three games that could bring the club its *second European trophy* after the Old Fairs Cup of 1970.

Arsenal are carrying the flag for England, something they enjoy. Since beating Torino in the last round, everything has been planned with this match in mind, as demonstrated on Saturday. Four changes were made from the mid-week Manchester United match, utilising the squad system that has become the very essence of the modern, practical, adaptable Arsenal. With tomorrow's match in mind, Wright was taken off 11 minutes from the end and even Adams was rested for this one.

The match programme was full of the task ahead and reflections on last week's epic with Manchester United. Oh, yes, and Liverpool were the visitors. "Liverpool today, then Parish Saint-Germain on Tuesday night," Graham wrote in his programme notes. "Liverpool are in a transitional stage right now, but they're always difficult opponents and we'll need to be at our best."

"Well, that's enough about them," he might as well have added, "let's talk about the interesting stuff." Poor Liverpool, once the most feared side in the country reduced to a bit-part and a brief, half-hearted, throw-away quote. A bit-part, though, is all they played. Apart from a worthy flurry towards the end, when Arsenal may have been feeling the effects of the United game, or may have been conserving energy, Liverpool were a distant second best.

Arsenal looked like a team in their prime: fit, organised and confident. Liverpool were a mixture of youthful potential and waning experience, summed up by the sad sight of Barnes pathetically trying to recapture former glories. Arsenal should have been a goal or two to the good before half-time, but they had to wait only a minute into the second period before taking the lead.

Parlour was the instigator; Merson, although suspiciously offside, added the finishing touch. After James denied Campbell a second goal with an astonishing save on the hour, Arsenal eased down and Seaman had to foil Redknapp, Rush and McManaman in a curiously frantic finale.

Nobody is suggesting Arsenal did not do their best to win on Saturday, *but they will want to do better — and* will need to do better, in Paris.

ARSENAL (4-3-3): D Seaman — L Dixon, A Linighan, S Bould, M Keown — R Parlour, J Jensen (sub: S Morrow, 68min), I Selley — I Wright (sub: A Smith, 79), K Campbell, P Merson.
LIVERPOOL (4-4-2): D James — R Jones, M Wright (sub: S Nicol, 28), N Ruddock, J Dix — S McManaman, J Redknapp, R Whelan, J Barnes — I Rush, R Fowler (sub: M Thomas, 70).
Referee: R Hart.

Shearer regains goal touch

Work ethic serves Blackburn well as they close gap

Blackburn Rovers 3
Swindon Town 1

BY PETER BALL

THE gap narrows. In spite of Fraser Digby, who performed heroics beyond the call of duty in the attempt to help Manchester United, the club he supported as a boy, Blackburn duly beat gallant, naive Swindon on Saturday to move to three points behind the leaders.

Such a close contest was unthinkable in December, when United led Blackburn by 16 points, but while United have commanded the headlines, the East Lancashire club's form since then has been quietly breathtaking. *This victory was their* thirteenth in the last 16 Premiership games. Far from stopping the run, their solitary defeat, at Highbury a month ago, was a minor stumble on a relentless march.

The meeting between the top two at Ewood Park on Saturday is beginning to loom as large as a cup final. By then the gap could be even closer. Tomorrow, Blackburn go to Wimbledon, and United meet Liverpool a day later.

"Saturday's game isn't going to decide anything," Alan Shearer said. "It's going to go to the wire now. Nine games left, 33 points to play for — I mean 27 points."

Shearer's aim is better than his mathematics. On Saturday he ended his run of five games without a goal at just the right time, his firepower proving too much even for Digby as he took his tally to 27 goals in 30 Premiership games. Shearer was not the only plus for Blackburn. Batty and Sherwood played splendidly in midfield and Ripley and Wilcox pulled the Premiership's worst defence apart down the flanks.

Batty in particular has been a revelation in recent weeks. Still as busy and aggressive as ever, he is now revealing a range of passing ability unimaginable in the snarling terrier of his Leeds days. But Blackburn are a team of workaholics.

Lawrie Sanchez, Swindon's free transfer signing from Wimbledon, said: "United have more flair and more flair players, but this team are a harder-working team, that's their strength. They've got some quality players, and they work harder than anybody. Shearer works his butt off, and Newell and Batty, players who you would think don't have to prove anything, they prove it more than the others. While they continue to do that, they'll be a hell of a side."

Only Digby stood between Blackburn and a cricket score. Swindon have now conceded 84 goals in the Premiership.

They continue to play pleasing football, however, and took the lead in the early minutes as Sanchez's forward header caught Blackburn's defence asleep, and Fjortoft broke free to hit the ball over the advancing Flowers.

But any thoughts of an upset were quickly stilled. Shearer replied immediately, cutting in to send a searing drive past Digby, and the siege was on. Although Swindon had their moments, they spent most of the afternoon pinned back.

From the moment Sherwood put Blackburn ahead as he met Berg's cross with a precise side-foot, the outcome was inevitable, Shearer's second goal, from the penalty spot, only rubbing the point home. A week ago Swindon drew against United, but Blackburn proved less amenable.

"Our lads really battled against United, the best possibly we've played all season," Digby confirmed. "Everyone raises their game against them, everyone wants to beat United."

That is part of United's problem. It may have been different in the days of Bob *Crompton, but playing United* is the biggest game of the season for many teams. Blackburn does not have the same resonance.

BLACKBURN ROVERS (4-4-2): T Flowers — H Berg, D May, C Hendry, G Le Saux — S Ripley, D Batty (sub: N Marker 88min), T Sherwood, J Wilcox — A Shearer, M Newell (sub: P Warhurst 84)
SWINDON TOWN (4-4-2): F Digby — A Whitbread, B Kilcline, S Taylor, P Bodin — N Summerbee, L Nijholt, L Sanchez, J Moncur, M Lung (sub: K Scott 74) — J Fjortoft.
Referee: K Morton.


Newell, right, congratulates Shearer after his equaliser for Blackburn against Swindon at Ewood Park

Napoli beat AC Milan 1-0, thanks to an eightieth-minute goal by Paolo Di Canio, to give a glimmer of hope to the chasing pack in the Italian League. Juventus, who beat Cagliari 1-0, and Sampdoria, for whom David Platt scored twice in a 6-0 win over Foggia, are now seven points behind.

PREMIERSHIP AT A GLANCE

		Played	Points	Goal diff	Recent form
1	Manchester Utd	33	73	+36	DLWDD
2	Blackburn	33	70	+26	DLWWW
3	Arsenal	34	61	+27	WWWDW
4	Newcastle	33	60	+32	WWWWW
5	Leeds	34	55	+14	DDWWL
6	Liverpool	34	53	+8	WLWWL
7	QPR	32	50	+10	DWDWW
8	Aston Villa	33	49	+6	DWLLL
9	Norwich	34	47	+9	DLLWL
10	Sheffield Wed	33	45	+8	DLDLL
11	Wimbledon	33	45	-7	WWLLW
12	Coventry	34	41	-6	LLLLW
13	Ipswich	34	40	-13	LWDLL
14	Chelsea	32	38	-5	WWWLW
15	West Ham	32	37	-14	DDDLL
16	Tottenham	34	36	-3	LDDDW
17	Everton	34	36	-12	DWLLL
18	Southampton	33	33	-13	WDDLD
19	Manchester City	34	32	-14	WDLDD
20	Oldham	34	31	-23	WDLWD
21	Sheffield Utd	34	28	-21	DDDDD
22	Swindon	35	25	-45	LDLDL

Weekly change Up Stayed the same Down

City accelerate fall from grace

Oldham Athetic 0
Manchester City 0

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

MANCHESTER City are taking steps to avoid relegation — small, mincing ones. What a pity words cannot be minced as easily. This team, the worst they have assembled in living memory, disgraces a club that *seems to have lost all sense of* pride or identity.

They are unspeakably poor. But for Coton, a capable if hot-headed goalkeeper, they would surely be down already. As it is, they have eight matches, starting at Ipswich tomorrow, to save their Premiership skins. If football ability is the primary consideration, they do not deserve to.

In one sense, results matter little. Brian Horton will be dismissed and, like Milan Kundera's Czech politician in the adulterated photograph, remembered only by the hat he left on a colleague's head. What do you mean, they do not rewrite history at Maine Road? A club that so desperately pretends to belong with the big boys ultimately deceives only itself.

Horton has not got a hat *and, with this shoddy team,* he has not got a hope. They have scored fewer goals than any in the four divisions and have gone goalless in three matches, despite recruiting a platoon of strikers. Buy high, sell low: it is is the City way. A year from now Walsh, Beagrie and Rosler (yes, *the* Rosler!) will be ashes under Uricon.

What would Joe Royle have done with such resources? To get Oldham into the top division was a bigger achievement than some people remember. To keep them there for three years has been a formidable effort. They did not play well either but, unlike their highfalutin neighbours, they deserve a sympathetic hearing.

When they won at Villa Park a week ago, Oldham had all their contracted professionals *on display, such is their* injury list. Therefore, Redmond's booking, which keeps him out of the FA Cup semi-final against Manchester United, earned him few marks. On the other hand, Sharp is due back from his ban.

Royle had the grace to denounce the game. "Others could go home after ten minutes. I had to watch it." Horton, trying to salvage something worthwhile from the afternoon, found Curle's return at centre back a kind of palliative. He played well, though no better than a defender who cost £2 million should, and he was booked for a crude foul when he pulled back McCarthy.

Coton, also booked, should have been sent off. After failing to keep the ball in play he confronted the linesman, *initially to dispute the correct* awarding of a corner and proceeded to manhandle him. As usual, there was not a word of contrition. If this lot go down, shed no tears.

OLDHAM ATHLETIC (4-3-3): J Hallworth — C Makin, R Jobson, S Redmond, N Pointon — A Richie, M Milligan, N Henry — S McCarthy, D Beckford, R Holden.
MANCHESTER CITY (4-3-3): A Coton — A Hill, K Curle, M Vonk, D Brightwell — I Brightwell, D Rocastle, S McMahon — E Rosler (sub: M Sheron, 63min), P Walsh, P Beagrie.
Referee: K Hackett.

Tide runs in favour of Oxford as pride restored

Andrew Longmore on the football game that caused students to turn away from Boat Race

A QUAINT ritual, a decisive American influence, overwhelming dark blue supremacy. For Oxford nostalgics, there were reminders of the good old days down by the River Thames on Saturday. All they had to do was turn their backs on the Tideway.

At Craven Cottage, the Dark Blues exacted considerable revenge for the defeat of their oarsmen with an historic 5-0 victory in the 110th University football match. Had their forwards shown more assurance near goal and enjoyed a stroke of luck, it could have been an Oxford eight, too. Andy Dechet, a lantern-jawed centre forward from Princeton, scored twice and Chris *Hollins, son of John, who* played at almost every club in London bar Fulham, once, to set Oxford on their way downstream.

Pity then that the footballers will have to rely on the dubious memories of a few hundred followers and the odd home-made video as a record of their finest hour.

Football has become the poor relation of University sport. Unlike the Boat Race and the rugby match, which have marketed their anachronism with gusto, the football match has lost its home, identity and some of its pride in recent years.

Since the price of tradition went up and the two clubs could no longer afford to pay for Wembley, the fixture has wandered from Highbury to Cambridge United before settling, in 1991, for Craven Cottage and a grip on the coat-tails of the Boat Race.

But the new liaison is already proving a happy one. Fulham Football Club has always been something of an anachronism itself and Jimmy Hill is a genial host. Wisely, both teams ignored his advice from last year to "stop the ball and woof it". Oxford's neat passing belied the usual hurly-burly of these occasions. With five postgraduates, one aged 30, in the team, they were simply a yard a man quicker than their predominantly undergraduate opposition. Shades of the glory days on the Tideway, in fact.

Cambridge were captained for the first time by a foreigner. Sven Oestmann, of Germany, but neither he nor his midfield countryman, Mats Decker, could lift his side above the pedestrian and Cambridge had to wait until the last ten minutes for their first real shot at goal.

By then, Oxford were out of sight with goals from Dechet and Hollins, just before half-time and Ellidge just after. Dechet twisted to head the fourth, and best, from a free kick and Andy Smith, the Oxford captain, scored the fifth with a far-post header to complete Oxford's biggest victory in the 120-year history of the match, and prompt a new chant from the terraces: "Who cares about the Boat Race?" Not Oxford, for the moment.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY (4-4-2): J Park — I Ball, J McCullough, M Hargreaves, P Collins — R Luke, S Oestmann, M Deckers, A Miller (sub: G Potts, 80min) — I Riggs, R Taylor (sub: D Walker, 62).
OXFORD UNIVERSITY (4-4-2): P Hazlewood — J Dunning, A Smith, S Smith, H Campbell — D Wills, D Ellidge (sub: C Mills, 80) G Box, M Sherrell — C Hollins (sub: H Kraft, 70), A Dechet.
Referee: P Vosper.

Carr in control as Le Tissier stalls

Sheffield United 0
Southampton 0

BY ALYSON RUDD

THIS game did not offer much — such as a compelling reason why either side should be spared relegation — but it shed some light on the way managers cope with players frequently referred to as "enigmatic" rather than "consistently brilliant".

Carr and Le Tissier have probably been labelled enigmatic more often than any other players in the FA Carling Premiership, which means nobody really knows why in one match they serve up a delicious performance and in the next they leave a bad taste.

On Saturday, Carr was on form, Le Tissier was not. Every Sheffield United move of note began with or involved Carr, who was put on Dave Bassett's transfer list in September but taken off it last week. Every touch from Le Tissier lacked vision and accuracy, with one exception. In the seventieth minute he chipped the United defence and it seemed certain that *Maddison would score,* but somehow Kelly plucked the ball from under his nose. It would have been against the run of play had Southampton taken the lead.

Bassett, one might have thought, was pleased that of the two enigmatic No 7s on show, his proved the more inspirational. Well, no. After the game, Bassett played down the contribution of Carr, who he called "infuriating at times". The Sheffield United manager added: "He was a threat, I think he could have done better, but he did all right."

Perhaps the most compelling element of Carr's game was his confidence. Toying with defenders can backfire embarrassingly if, having dwelt five seconds on the ball, the ensuing cross is weak. Bassett might not have been overly impressed but a frustrated crowd were.

Could Bassett be taking the "he can always give more" view of Ian Branfoot, the former Southampton manager? And if so, can a more inhibited Carr be expected to *appear in the game against* West Ham tonight?

On the other hand, Alan Ball, the Southampton manager, is giving Le Tissier the benefit of the doubt, plus the captaincy. Branfoot probably would not have played Le Tissier in this match and those hoping Guernsey's finest would lend some finesse to it might think he would have been justified.

But the chip to Maddison almost clinched victory in a game Southampton looked certain to lose or draw. And it gave the final 20 minutes an extra edge as Sheffield Untied realised all their possession could be worth even less than a point. The moral for managers seems to be praise and persevere.

SHEFFIELD UNITED (4-4-2): A Kelly — K Gage, B Gayle, D Tuttle, R Nilsen — F Carr, P Rogers, J Gannon (subs: G Hodges, 79min), D Whitehouse — J Flo, N Blake (sub: C Bradshaw, 56).
SOUTHAMPTON (5-3-2): D Beasant — J Kenna, S Charlton, K Monkou, F Benali, S Wood — M Le Tissier, J Magilton, N Maddison — I Dowie, N Heaney.
Referee: D Elleray.

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Millwall's push falls foul of rules

Watford 2
Millwall 0

BY KEITH PIKE

NOW the clocks have gone forward, the heat has been turned up at both ends of the Endsleigh Insurance League first division. As ever, the coolest heads will collect the prizes. *Millwall* for promotion? Forget it.

It is a shame, because they *can* play. Ask Crystal Palace, the leaders by eight points, who were overrun at the New Den in January, or Nottingham Forest, in second, who were thumped at the City Ground. At Vicarage Road on Saturday, even in defeat, Millwall enjoyed a spell, in the second half, when they looked as good as there is outside the Premiership.

What will cost Millwall a place in the top two is temperament, or lack of it. Encouraged from the terraces and tolerated by their manager, they have too many players spoiling for an argument. Too many macho men.

Against Watford, they were without Hurlock and Van den Hauwe, still paying the price for recent indiscretions (*kicking and elbowing respectively*) against Leicester City. Rae will miss their match against Luton on Wednesday, and, no sooner will they return, Stevens and Roberts, cautioned here to take them over the disciplinary points barrier, will be suspended.

Eight dismissals in all competitions this season — a total only Birmingham City can match — tell their own story. The sin-bin at Millwall's new home was not fitted with a lid but a revolving door.

Roberts was booked for following through on Ramage. Stevens for a body check on Porter. A very hard and very lucky player is Stevens, whose subsequent machismo included using Hessenthaler's prostrate torso as a doormat *à la* Cantona. Why he went unpunished only Ian Hemley, the referee, will know.

"It was a bit niggly, nothing more," Mick McCarthy, the Millwall manager, said of a match with 54 free kicks (split almost equally between the teams). He was more concerned with the second-half penalty Millwall should have *had when Lavin fouled* Dawes, and the woeful performance in the first period. McCarthy, though, cannot continue to ignore the effect that ill discipline is having on Millwall's promotion chances.

He could do worse, perhaps, than have a word with Glenn Roeder, the Watford manager. He had seen seven players sent off before October was out, promised to act, and has done so successfully. Albeit with the kick-start of a goal *within 12 seconds by Lavin,* after Mooney's cross and Keller's fumble, Watford were much the more composed and confident team.


Stevens: lucky escape

Two newcomers, Foster Millen, formed an effective combination in central defence on their debuts. With Bailey and Mooney having joined on loan, Watford's freshness should serve them well in the coming weeks.

Hessenthaler, recovered from his early mauling and benefiting *form Ramage's* perfectly-timed pass, ran two thirds the length of the field to finish Millwall off on the break eight minutes from time. First out of the bad books, now out of the bottom three. There is a lesson there.

WATFORD (1-2-5-2): P Digweed — K Dublin — C Foster, K Millen — G Lavin, G Porter, C Ramage, A Hessenthaler, J Drysdale — P Furlong, T Mooney (sub: D Bailey, 75min).
MILLWALL (4-4-2): K Keller — R Hurlord, K Stevens, K Cunningham, I Dawes — A Rae, E Verveer (subs: C Allen, 46), A Roberts, P Barber (sub: G Berry, 45) — D Mitchell, J Morelee.
Referee: I Hemley.

Stadium straddling two countries witnesses resurgence of club up for sale

Chester find grounds for optimism

Russell Kempson sees the third division leaders enhance their promotion prospects at the expense of Wigan

FOR SALE: low profile sporting club in midst of mini revival. Located in desirable out of town property, only two years old, within half a mile of River Dee. All mod cons, conforms with Taylor Report, scope for extension if success continues. Viewing highly recommended: local consortium already interested. £300,000 o. n. o.

Chester City lead the Endsleigh Insurance League third division by two points after their 2-1 victory over Wigan Athletic on Saturday and the Deva Stadium, their new home, is at the forefront of football's attempts to clean up its image. Treat the customer with respect, put on a show and the crowd will follow. Slowly, perhaps, but surely.

Sealand Road, Chester's former ground, proved beyond redemption four years ago. Also saddled with debts of £2 million, and with the Duke of Westminster, the club patron and one of Britain's wealthiest men, otherwise engaged, the Cheshire club welcomed Morrison Developments Limited with relief and regret. It was that or the undertaker.

It meant two seasons of sharing with Macclesfield Town, the GM Vauxhall Conference outfit 35 miles away, and bussing supporters to and from home games. But although Chester refinanced their future, they never sold their soul.

Sealand Road became bland warehouse units and the £3 million Deva, a brisk walk away, sprung up in neat, purposeful style. The development firm had kept its promise of rehousing, City returned to base camp and normality resumed. "It will take a while but the fans are gradually coming back," Derek Barber, the Chester secretary, said. "Leaving Sealand and the spell at Macclesfield did us no favours but it had to happen. We've now got a new stadium, we are not beholden to the banks any more and the team's doing well."

Peter Russell, company secetary of Morrison, which still owns 91 per cent of the Chester shares, said: "It was always our intention eventually to sell on the shareholding but we wanted it to go to people who will safeguard Chester's future."

Phase two of the rebirth rests with Graham Barrow, the Chester player-manager. A tally of 29 points from 46 matches, and last place, spelt a disappointing debut season at the Deva — the Roman word for Chester — during 1992-93. It suggested little had changed at a club that has yet to win a league title in 110 years.

"It was a pretty dire situation," Barrow, 39, said. "But I brought in a few new faces and everyone has responded. I am not sure how much coaching has got to do with it. It is more about fitting pieces into the jigsaw and getting the right attitude."

Success this season has been achieved shrewdly. He has not given to or taken from the £121 million transfer merry-go-round, which concluded business for 1993-94 last Thursday, and will count on the fleet-footed enthusiasm that saw off Wigan. Pugh, with a penalty, and Preece scored the Chester goals in England — the country ends at the halfway line — while Lyons replied for Wigan in Wales. Only the agility of Farnworth, the Athletic goalkeeper, prevented a rout.

Judith Chalmers also turned up to film the city's cross-border peculiarities for her television programme, *Wish You Were Here*. It is a sentiment shared by the club, directed at the supporters, but the first 6,000-strong full house is expected for the visit of Preston North End next Saturday. "Who would have thought we'd see that 12 months ago?" Barrow said.

CHESTER CITY (4-2-4): D Felgate — I Jenkins, S Whelan, C Greenall, J Jakub — R Preece, M Leonard — D Thompson, C Lightfoot, G Lancashire, D Pugh
WIGAN ATHLETIC (4-3-3): S Farnworth — J Robertson (sub: P Thorne, 45min), G Strong, P Skipper, M Carragher — I Kilford, N Rimmer, K Langley — P Gavin (sub: D Connolly, 76), N Morton, A Lyons
Referee: T Heilbron

HOWARD BARLOW



Chester supporters celebrate a goal during the victory over Wigan at the Deva Stadium, home to the Cheshire club since last season

When money makes adversaries of partners

KEVIN McCARRA



Scottish commentary

Celtic's moves kept on breaking down even after Saturday's inept 1-0 defeat by Motherwell was over. Fergus McCann, the chief executive of the club, hinted that there would be no spending before the Thursday transfer deadline in Scotland. "I am sure," he confided, "that the manager takes the longer view."

However, in came Lou Macari, disinclined to pick up his employer's theme. If not quite hopping from foot to foot he still evinced a desperation to scatter some money. He definitely wanted to buy someone this week.

No doubt McCann and Macari will eventually get their words to chime rather than clash. All the same, where the funding of the game is concerned, the strains between owner and manager can only grow more severe. At Newcastle United last week Sir John Hall was asked to authorise the purchase of the Queen's Park Rangers defender, Darren Peacock, for £2.7 million.

When financial dealings reach such levels, the owner and the manager are as likely to be adversaries as partners. One wishes to conserve cash, the other to embark on a spree. Alex Smith, the manager of Clyde, recalls his time at Aberdeen and how Dick Donald, the late Pittodrie chairman, would stress the gravity of the matter.

"There was a standard set of questions when you wanted to buy a player. He'd ask how many I had already. When I said there was 40 or so Mr Donald would ask, 'And how many do you think you will need?' When I told him this new man would complete the team he replied, 'I've been hearing that for 30 years'."

This comparatively gentle inquisition would now be couched in far harsher terms. As prices soar, so, too, do the consequences of any misjudgment. Meekness is uncommon in ordinary human beings, never mind millionaires. It would scarcely occur to David Murray, the Rangers chairman, to be retiring when his club's business is involved. One wonders about his part in the purchase of Duncan Ferguson from Dundee United for £4 million.

Walter Smith, the Rangers manager, wanted to sign the striker but such a sum could only have been reached once Murray's own emotions were engaged. He was eager to prove that Rangers could not be thwarted in their pursuit of such a target.

A game that attracts mass audiences also gives rise to a multitude of opinions and some of the most informed come from unexpected sources. In a seven-year spell, Marseilles had seven coaches, but one of them, Raymond Goethals, said that there had only been one man in control, the club's owner, Bernard Tapie.

Although he has been called an egotist and megalomaniac, Tapie could also claim to be one of Europe's best managers. The signings he has chosen to make, from Jean-Pierre Papin, in 1986, to this season's sensation, Anderson da Silva, have often been inspired. It is therefore hard to quarrel with his decision to control his investment in the most direct manner possible.

The figure of the general manager, expert in the buying and selling of players, may yet emerge in this country, too.

Kenya run clear of field under tuition of McDonald

FROM DAVID POWELL
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IN BUDAPEST

SMILING British faces were hard to find here in Hungary on Saturday but one Englishman was beaming. The contrast between Britain's worst performance at a world cross-country championships and Kenya's best was striking. What irony that Kenya's leading runners are managed by Kim McDonald, a former Yorkshire champion whose offer to assist Britain has been ignored.

For the first time, one country won all the individual titles, but William Sigei, Philip Mosima, Helen Chepngeno and Sally Barsosio will not be celebrating in Kenya. They will be in Teddington this week, where they are housed by McDonald for part of the season. Ah, the difference at McDonald's: the Nineties Kenyan talks not so much of training at the Rift Valley as of Bushey and Richmond parks; not so much of sour milk and cattle blood for nourishment as of shopping at Tesco's in Teddington High Street.

Sigei retained his senior title and Mosima will be on a junior hat-trick when the championships are held in Durham next year. Barsosio is young enough to defend her junior title in Durham and Chepngeno, with John Ngugi-style disregard for the opposition, breaking away early, became Kenya's first senior women's champion.

Chepngeno was the only unexpected winner. She left Catherina McKiernan, of Ireland, in the unique position of winning a third successive silver medal, losing each time to a different champion. In 1992 it was Lynn Jennings, in 1993 Albertina Dias, whose fifth place helped Portugal to team gold medals, the only title which eluded Kenya.

Kenya's men won for the ninth successive year and, though two-thirds of the team were new, they were expecting victory. Otherwise why bring their suits? At the presentation evening dress was casual but the Kenyans, knowing they would be on stage, stood out for their smartness.

The only British victory was by the officials, whose protest over a 2ft 6in tree trunk across the course led to a trench being dug to lower it. Nicola Slater and her junior women's team ran well for eleventh and fifth respectively but the results of the senior men (eighth), the senior women (fourteenth) and the junior men (sixteenth) leave the British Athletic Federation disappointed. Slater was the only Briton in the top 25.

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Leeds fail to cast off doubts on path to showdown

St Helens........8
Leeds........20

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

WITH the words of their critics pinned to the dressing-room wall, Leeds found the motivation to reach the rugby league Silk Cut Challenge Cup final for the first time in 16 years.

Leeds were everything Alan Hunte and Shane Cooper, the St Helens winger and captain respectively, and a few other critics besides, had said they would not be. Spirit abounded, four previous semi-final failures were erased from the memory and on the big stage their big names, if somewhat fitfully, came good at the end. "We ate their words and spat them out," Alan Tait said of the critics.

These criticisms applied more accurately to St Helens. Yet if possession is nine-tenths of the law, they were robbed. As monumental as the resistance of Leeds was, the chances their opponents let slip were a criminal waste. Leeds were unfailingly accurate, yet their overall performance scarcely removed the air of unease about them.

Wigan and Wembley in spring is as irresistible as Graf and Wimbledon. The wait since Leeds were last there, in 1978, has been nothing compared to that of the 97 years it has taken to bring the two most successful clubs in the competition together. It is the dream final, yes, but potentially the stuff of nightmares if the evidence at Central Park on Saturday is an accurate guide.

For three quarters of an hour, between Eyres scoring and Hanley latching on to a decisive break by Tait for the first of a brace of tries, Leeds dropped out from their line an incredible eight times. But for all their pressure, St Helens were like headless chickens.

The stifling cover thrown up by Leeds was a triumph in itself. Then again, Wigan will hardly repeat the charity St Helens showed on the last tackle. In Hanley and Iro, Leeds have two of Wigan's greatest Wembley masters, but subduing the holders will not be about individuals, it will be about teamwork — hardly a strength of Leeds during their barren years.

SCORERS: St Helens: Try: Martyn. Goals: Martyn (2). Leeds: Tries: Hanley (2), Eyres. Goals: Holroyd (4).
ST HELENS: D Lyon; A Hunte, T Ropati, P Loughlin, A Sullivan; T Martyn, J Griffiths. A Dannatt (sub: Mann, 60min), B Dwyer, G Mann (sub: J Harrison, 25, sub: Pickavance, 65), C Joynt, I Pickavance (sub: P Ververs, 34) S Cooper
LEEDS: A Tait, J Fallon (sub: J Donohue 10; sub: Fallon H-T) K Iro, C Innes, F Cummins. G Holroyd, G Schofield; F Hamon (sub: G Rose, 62), J Lowes, H Howard (sub: Harmon, 74), G Mercer, R Eyres, E Hanley
Referee: J Holdsworth

WEEKEND FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES

Coca-Cola Cup

Final

MAN UTD (0) 1 A VILLA (1) 3
Hughes 82 — Atkinson 25, Saunders 75, 90 (pen)
77,231
Sent off: Kanchelskis (Man Utd), 89

FA Carling Premiership

ARSENAL (0) 1 LIVERPOOL (0) 0
Merson 47 — 35,556

BLACKBURN (2) 3 SWINDON (1) 1
Shearer 6, 82 (pen), Sherwood 27 — Fjortoft 4 — 20,046

CHELSEA (1) 2 WEST HAM (0) 0
Barnard 39, Hoddle 79 — 19,545

COVENTRY (1) 2 NORWICH (0) 1
Flynn 28, Quinn 70 — Eadie 46 — 13,514

EVERTON (0) 0 TOTTENHAM (0) 1
23,580 — Sedgley 70

IPSWICH (0) 1 QPR (0) 3
Guentchev 90 — Impey 64, 69, Ferdinand 71 — 15,182

OLDHAM (0) 0 MAN CITY (0) 0
16,464

SHEFF UTD (0) 0 SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0
19,522

WIMBLEDON (1) 1 LEEDS (0) 0
Fear 3 — 9,035

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Man Utd	33	10	5	1	31	11	11	5	1	37	21	73
2 Blackburn	33	12	3	2	27	10	9	4	3	24	15	70
3 Arsenal	34	9	6	2	22	11	7	7	3	24	8	61
4 Newcastle	33	10	3	3	38	11	8	3	6	27	22	60
5 Leeds	34	11	4	1	29	13	3	9	6	18	20	55
6 Liverpool	34	11	4	2	31	18	4	4	9	22	27	53
7 QPR	32	7	4	4	27	19	7	4	6	25	23	50
8 A Villa	33	7	3	7	20	15	6	7	3	19	18	49
9 Norwich	34	4	8	5	20	20	7	6	4	37	28	47
10 Sheff Wed	33	6	6	4	31	20	5	6	6	24	27	45
11 Wimbledon	33	8	4	4	24	18	4	5	8	12	25	45
12 Coventry	34	7	6	4	18	13	3	5	9	16	27	41
13 Ipswich	34	5	6	6	17	25	4	7	6	13	18	40
14 Chelsea	32	8	4	4	22	15	2	4	10	14	26	38
15 West Ham	32	5	6	5	19	22	4	5	7	11	22	38
16 Tottenham	34	3	8	7	24	27	5	4	7	20	20	36
17 Everton	34	7	3	8	29	25	3	3	10	13	23	36
18 Soton	33	7	2	8	22	25	2	4	10	11	21	33
19 Man City	34	4	8	5	16	18	2	6	9	10	22	32
20 Oldham	32	4	6	6	18	27	3	4	9	10	24	31
21 Sheff Utd	34	4	9	4	17	18	0	7	10	12	32	28
22 Swindon	35	4	7	7	23	35	0	6	11	17	50	25

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury 0 Harrow 1; Chesham 1 Stevenage Borough 2, Dorking 1 Carshalton 4; Dulwich 1 Basingstoke 1; Grays 0 Wokingham 3, Hitchin 0 Hendon 0; Kingstonian 3 Bromley 0; Molesey 1 Marlow 1, Wivenhoe 0 Hayes 6, Yeading 1 St Albans 1. First division: Barking 0 Purfleet 3; Billericay 2 Uxbridge 0 Bishop's Stortford 3 Berkhamsted 0; Croydon 0 Tooting & Mitcham 7; Heybridge Swifts 0 Abingdon 0, Leyton 2 Bognor Regis 1, Ruislip Manor 0 Staines 6; Walton & Hersham 2 Maidenhead 2, Whyteleafe 1 Wembley 1. Windsor & Eton 1 Chalfont St Peter 1, Worthing 2 Boreham Wood 1 Second division. Aveley 1 Newbury 2; Chertsey 3 Ware 0. Hampton 0 Barton 1; Hemel Hempstead 2 Collier Row 1, Hungerford 1 Banstead Athletic 0; Leatherhead 0 Aldershot Town 5, Lewes 0 Thame 2; Malden Vale 0 Edgware 2 Metropolitan Police 0 Egham 3, Rainham 3 Saffron Walden 0, Witham 2 Tilbury 0. Third division: Bracknell 2 Royston 0. Cheshunt 0 Clapton 0. East Thurrock 2 Feltham & Hounslow 3, Epsom & Ewell 3 Hertford 1. Flackwell Heath 1 Tring 4, Harefield 0 Leighton 1. Harlow 0 Hornchurch 1, Horsham 0 Camberley 5. Northwood 2 Kingsbury 3; Oxford City 3 Southall 0.

FA VASE: Semi-final, second leg: Atherton LR 2 Diss Town 0 (aet; agg 3-3).

Endsleigh Insurance League

First division

BARNSLEY (0) 1 LUTON (0) 0
Payton 67 — 6,289

BIRMINGHAM (0) 1 MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0
Saville 89 — 12,409

BOLTON (2) 2 BRISTOL C (1) 2
Lee 26, Coyle 45 — Allison 18, 69 — 10,221

CHARLTON (0) 0 WOLVERHAMPTON (1) 1
8,416 — Whittingham 10

GRIMSBY (0) 1 OXFORD UTD (0) 0
Mendonca 87 — 5,025

NOTTS CO (2) 4 LEICESTER (1) 1
McSwegan 12, Matthews 37, Lund 48, 66 — Ormondroyd 29 — 11,907

PETERBORO (1) 1 SUNDERLAND (2) 3
Adcock 34 (pen) — Russell 13, Gray 43, 87 — 8,753

PORTSMOUTH (1) 2 NOTTM FOR (0) 1
Creaney 35, Hall 54 — Collymore 64 — 12,578

STOKE (0) 0 C PALACE (0) 2
18,071 — Gordon 56 (pen), Williams 69

WATFORD (1) 2 MILLWALL (0) 0
Lavin 1, Hessenthaler 81 — 9,036

WEST BROM (0) 1 DERBY (1) 2
Donovan 69 — Johnson 30, Simpson 52 — 17,437

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 C Palace	38	13	4	2	35	15	8	4	7	27	24	71
2 Nottm For	36	10	7	2	32	18	8	2	7	26	21	63
3 Leicester	36	11	5	2	39	21	6	4	8	19	23	60
4 Millwall	35	12	5	1	29	12	4	6	7	16	25	59
5 Derby	36	11	2	4	33	19	5	6	8	22	31	56
6 Notts Co	36	14	1	3	36	19	3	3	12	17	39	55
7 Charlton	35	11	3	4	25	11	5	4	8	19	24	55
8 Tranmere	36	11	3	4	34	19	4	5	9	13	23	53
9 Middlesbro	35	9	5	3	27	11	5	6	8	19	24	53
10 Stoke	37	11	2	5	26	17	3	8	8	17	32	52
11 Grimsby	36	6	10	1	22	13	6	5	8	24	26	51
12 Sunderland	35	12	2	4	26	13	3	4	10	13	26	51
13 Wolves	35	8	7	3	28	15	4	7	6	19	20	50
14 Bristol C	36	8	5	5	20	16	5	6	7	17	24	50
15 Southend	37	8	5	6	28	22	6	2	10	22	28	49
16 Bolton	35	8	6	2	29	19	4	5	10	18	26	47
17 Portsmouth	37	9	5	4	25	15	3	6	10	17	34	47
18 Luton	34	10	2	5	31	18	2	5	10	13	25	43
19 Barnsley	35	6	3	8	18	21	6	4	8	26	29	43
20 West Brom	37	7	7	5	32	24	3	3	12	17	32	40
21 Watford	37	8	4	7	33	32	2	3	13	18	39	37
22 Peterboro	37	6	8	5	23	19	2	3	13	14	31	35
23 Oxford Utd	36	7	3	8	22	29	2	5	11	15	33	35
24 Birmingham	38	7	6	7	20	25	1	4	13	15	34	34

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone 2 Worcester 1, Cheltenham 4 Corby 1; Crawley 2 Cambridge City 1: Farnborough 2 Burton 0. Gresley 1 Bashley 1; Hastings 3 Chelmsford 1; Hednesford 3 Waterlooville 2; Nuneaton 1 Halesowen 1, Sittingbourne 1 Dorchester 2; Solihull 2 Gloucester 4, Trowbridge 2 Moor Green 2. Midland division: Grantham 2 Bedworth 4, Hinckley 0 Rushden & Diamonds 4; King's Lynn 0 Bilston 1. RC Warwick 1 Tamworth 2; Redditch 1 Leicester United 0; Stourbridge 1 Bridgnorth 0; Sutton Coldfield 0 Clevedon 1; VS Rugby 2 Dudley 1, Weston-super-Mare 3 Armitage 0 Southern division: Baldock 2 Fareham 0; Braintree 2 Wealdstone 2; Burnham 1 Ashford 1; Canterbury 0 Havant 3; Dunstable 0 Newport IOW 4. Erith & Belvedere 5 Bury Town 1, Margate 1 Salisbury City 4; Sudbury 2 Weymouth 0, Tonbridge AFC 2 Poole 0, Witney 0 Gravesend & Northfleet 1

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bristol Manor Farm 3 Bideford 0; Calne 1 Mangotsfield 2, Chippenham 1 Liskeard Athletic 0; Minehead 1 Westbury 1, Saltash 1 Frome 1; Tiverton 4 Odd Down 0; Torrington 2 Paulton 2.

Second division

BLACKPOOL (0) 1 ROTHERHAM (0) 2
Mitchell 80 — Goater 53, 56 — 3,588

BRADFORD (0) 1 HULL (1) 1
Tomlinson 62 — Williams 30 — 9,419

BRENTFORD (3) 3 CAMBRIDGE UTD (2) 3
Taylor 10, Statham 19, Grainger 37 — Granville 4, 15, Corazzin 58 — 5,052

BRISTOL R (4) 5 BARNET (0) 2
Channing 11, 32, 49 (pen), Walker 24 (og), Stewart 35 — Wilson 63 (pen), Edwards 82 — 3,802

CARDIFF (0) 0 YORK (0) 0
4,806

EXETER (0) 1 BRIGHTON (1) 1
Morgan 54 — Nogan 36 — 3,107

HARTLEPOOL (2) 4 BURNLEY (1) 1
Houchen 9, 89, Southall 15, Thompson 90 — Eyres 42 — 2,679

HUDDERSFIELD (0) 1 PLYMOUTH (0) 0
Booth 46 — 5,619

L ORIENT (1) 2 FULHAM (0) 2
Thomas 13, Carter 75 — Herrera 61, Farrell 79 — 5,096

READING (0) 2 SWANSEA (0) 1
Quinn 68 (pen), Lovell 79 — Bowen 62 — 6,464

STOCKPORT (0) 0 BOURNEMOUTH (1) 2
5,277 — Cotterill 45, Burns 83

WREXHAM (1) 2 PORT VALE (0) 1
Bennett 12, 54 — Van der Laan 66 — 7,202

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Reading	37	13	4	2	35	15	9	4	5	34	24	74
2 Plymouth	37	13	4	2	40	22	7	4	7	28	25	68
3 Stockport	34	13	0	5	42	17	6	7	3	17	16	64
4 Port Vale	35	12	5	1	35	13	6	4	7	21	20	63
5 York	38	10	5	4	29	11	7	4	8	25	23	60
6 Bristol R	38	8	7	4	28	23	9	2	8	23	26	60
7 Burnley	37	14	2	2	42	15	3	5	11	21	34	58
8 Hull	38	8	6	5	26	17	8	4	7	27	30	58
9 Brentford	38	7	8	4	26	22	6	8	5	24	18	55
10 Bradford	36	9	4	4	26	16	5	7	7	21	27	53
11 Wrexham	36	11	4	3	41	24	3	5	10	15	34	51
12 L Orient	38	10	7	2	32	20	3	5	11	17	36	51
13 Bournemth	36	7	6	5	22	21	6	6	6	21	24	51
14 Cambridge	38	9	5	5	28	19	4	4	11	24	42	48
15 Swansea	36	9	7	2	31	16	3	4	11	15	30	47
16 Blackpool	38	10	2	7	34	30	4	2	13	20	33	46
17 Brighton	37	7	7	4	26	19	4	6	9	17	32	46
18 Fulham	37	6	5	8	18	18	6	2	10	25	33	43
19 Rotherham	35	7	3	8	28	28	4	6	7	20	26	42
20 Huddersfld	36	5	6	6	17	23	5	5	9	20	27	41
21 Cardiff	33	7	5	4	28	19	2	8	9	18	35	38
22 Exeter	35	6	6	6	32	29	2	5	10	11	32	35
23 Hartlepool	38	6	3	10	24	30	1	5	13	10	34	29
24 Barnet	37	3	4	11	17	25	1	5	13	17	46	21

FA TROPHY: Fourth round: Gateshead 0 Runcorn 3; Guiseley 3 Morecambe 2; Sutton United 1 Enfield 1; Woking 1 Billingham Synthonia 1.

Third division

CHESTER (2) 2 WIGAN (1) 1
Pugh 2 (pen), Preece 26 — Lyons 27 — 3,542

COLCHESTER (0) 1 PRESTON (1) 1
Brown 76 — Norbury 16 — 2,950

DARLINGTON (0) 0 NORTHAMPTON (1) 1
2,700 — Warburton 28

GILLINGHAM (1) 2 CARLISLE (0) 0
Carpenter 5 (pen), Forster 64 — 2,586

HEREFORD (0) 0 WALSALL (0) 1
2,744 — McDonald 55

LINCOLN (0) 1 CREWE (1) 2
Daws 60 — Evans 42, Lennon 81 — 3,007

MANSFIELD (1) 2 BURY (2) 2
Holland 5, Hadley 66 — Carter 2, Stevens 37 — 2,496

ROCHDALE (0) 0 DONCASTER (0) 1
2,165 — Yates 84

SCARBORO (0) 0 SCUNTHORPE (0) 1
1,571 — Smith 50

TORQUAY (0) 0 SHREWSBURY (0) 0
4,085

WYCOMBE (0) 0 CHESTERFIELD (1) 1
5,752 — Norris 40 (pen)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Chester	35	10	5	2	28	12	8	4	6	31	24	63
2 Crewe	34	10	3	4	37	25	8	4	5	30	26	61
3 Shrewsbry	33	8	6	3	24	16	9	4	3	27	18	61
4 Wycombe	33	9	2	4	24	16	8	6	4	29	25	59
5 Preston	34	12	4	2	43	19	4	6	6	25	28	58
6 Torquay	34	6	9	3	25	22	8	3	5	28	26	54
7 Chesterfld	34	7	5	5	26	20	8	3	6	22	24	53
8 Walsall	35	7	4	7	26	21	8	4	5	16	20	53
9 Bury	34	9	3	4	30	17	5	3	10	21	32	48
10 Rochdale	33	9	4	4	31	14	3	6	7	19	25	46
11 Scunthorpe	34	7	7	3	33	18	4	5	8	16	24	45
12 Mansfield	35	8	2	7	25	24	4	7	7	20	29	45
13 Carlisle	34	6	4	6	25	20	6	5	7	16	17	45
14 Colchester	34	7	4	7	26	28	4	4	8	21	32	41
15 Lincoln	34	7	3	8	25	26	4	5	7	20	26	41
16 Gillingham	34	7	5	5	21	18	3	6	8	15	23	41
17 Doncaster	35	7	4	6	23	22	4	4	10	13	26	41
18 Scarboro	35	6	2	9	21	23	5	4	9	20	30	39
19 Hereford	34	5	3	9	27	26	5	2	10	23	39	35
20 Northmptn	35	5	7	5	22	18	3	3	12	17	38	34
21 Wigan	33	3	6	7	26	30	5	3	9	16	29	33
22 Darlington	34	6	5	7	22	23	1	6	9	13	28	32

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop Auckland 3 Fleetwood 2; Boston 1 Winsford 1; Bridlington Town 0 Knowsley 1, Buxton 2 Marine 2, Colwyn Bay 4 Droylsden 0; Frickley 2 Accrington Stanley 0, Horwich 2 Chorley 2; Hyde 5 Leek 0, Matlock 0 Barrow 2; Whitley Bay 2 Emley 0. First division: Alfreton 1 Workington 2; Bamber Bridge 1 Ashton United 2; Caernarfon 2 Goole 2; Eastwood Town 1 Netherfield 2; Farsley Celtic 2 Radcliffe Borough 2; Gretna 2 Congleton 1; Harrogate 0 Warrington 1; Spennymoor 3 Mossley 0; Worksop 4 Great Harwood 0

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Aloysians 2 Glyn 2; Chertsey 4 Hamptonians 0; Ignatians 3 Tenisonians 3, Manning 2 Wilsonians 1; Meadonians 4 Danes 0.

GM Vauxhall Conference

DAG & RED (1) 4 BROMSGROVE (2) 2
Greene 24, Butterworth 57, 75, Conner 67 — Stott 10, Radburn 12 — 763

HALIFAX (0) 0 BATH (0) 0
1,008

KETTERING (0) 0 MACCLESFIELD (0) 1
2,158 — Howarth 82

SLOUGH (2) 2 NORTHWICH (2) 2
M Scott 25, Manning 45 — Banter 5, 12 — 605

TELFORD (0) 0 DOVER (1) 1
905 — Leworthy 38

WELLING (1) 1 STALYBRIDGE (0) 2
Robbins 41 (pen) — Kirkham 70, Clayton 81 — 703

YEOVIL (1) 3 SOUTHPORT (1) 2
Spencer 12, West 59, Coates 83 — Blissett 43, McDonald 62 — 1,978

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Kiddrmnstr	31	12	3	2	27	9	6	3	5	23	18	60
2 Kettering	34	7	7	4	20	13	8	5	3	19	8	57
3 Southport	32	9	7	1	25	16	5	3	7	21	23	52
4 Woking	32	9	5	2	26	14	4	6	6	30	31	50
5 Dover	31	9	3	4	25	14	5	2	8	15	22	47
6 Bath	32	5	6	5	25	17	8	7	3	18	13	46
7 Stafford	34	7	7	4	28	20	3	7	6	15	23	44
8 Welling	29	7	5	5	23	17	4	5	3	19	13	43
9 Runcorn	30	9	3	2	32	17	0	13	3	15	23	43
10 Macclesfld	31	5	6	5	20	16	7	0	8	17	25	42
11 Northwich	30	5	6	2	16	10	3	9	5	13	20	39
12 Bromsgrv	28	4	6	4	19	18	6	3	5	22	25	39
13 Merthyr	32	6	7	3	27	18	3	6	7	18	25	38
14 Telford	32	5	6	5	19	19	4	5	7	12	19	38
15 Halifax	29	3	8	2	19	11	5	5	6	24	28	37
16 Gateshead	28	6	6	3	16	12	3	4	6	13	22	37
17 Slough	33	7	4	4	26	19	2	6	10	13	32	37
18 Altrincham	31	5	3	7	15	18	5	3	8	13	18	36
19 Dag & Red	29	7	3	4	29	19	1	7	7	9	21	34
20 Yeovil	32	6	2	8	20	22	3	5	8	17	31	34
21 Stalybridge	32	3	5	7	13	23	5	6	7	20	24	32
22 Witton	34	3	6	8	16	26	3	4	10	12	22	28

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Aberystwyth 1 Maesteg Park 1; Briton Ferry 1 Cwmbran 1; Caersws 2 Llansantffraid 3; Connah's Quay 1 Holywell 1; Conwy 1 Newtown 1; Ebbw Vale 1 Llanelli 3, Haverfordwest 0 Afan Lido 0. Ton Pentre 1 Inter Cardiff 0

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Cornard 0 Felixstowe 0, Fakenham 3 Harwich & Parkeston 2; Gorleston 1 Chatteris 0; Halstead 2 Sudbury 1; Lowestoft 0 Wisbech 1; Newmarket 3 Great Yarmouth 0; Norwich United 3 Soham TR 1; Stowmarket 1 Histon 0, Wroxham 2 March 1.

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: South Bank Polytechnic 3 Winchmore Hill 0; West Wickham 2 Lensbury 0; Old Actonians 2 NatWest Bank 1; Old Esthameians 1 Norsemen 1, Carshalton 1 Crouch End Vampires 1; Alexandra Park 0 Old Parkonians 0; Ibis 1 Lloyds Bank 1, Southgate Olympic 1 Broomfield 5, Polytechnic 1 Old Latymerians 3; Old Stationers 2 Old Bromleians 1; Old Parmiterians 1 Old Westminster Cits 3; Civil Service 4 Merton 0; Old Salesians 2 Barclays Bank 3; Alleyn Old Boys 3 Brentham 4; Old Lyonians 2 Bank of England 4; Reigate Priory 7 Royal Bank of Scotland 0.

Scottish League

Premier division

ABERDEEN (1) 1 DUNDEE UTD (0) 0
Shearer 15 — 11,500

CELTIC (0) 0 MOTHERWELL (1) 1
36,195 — Arnott 9

DUNDEE (3) 3 KILMARNOCK (0) 0
Britton 1, Blake 11, McCann 28 — 3,485

HEARTS (0) 1 RANGERS (1) 2
Foster 84 — McCoist 34, Hateley 54 — 18,108

PARTICK (0) 1 HIBERNIAN (0) 0
Grant 79 — 4,932

ST JOHNSTONE (1) 2 RAITH (0) 0
Dodds 16, 82 (pen) — 4,650

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Rangers	34	10	3	4	35	19	9	7	1	28	14	48
2 Motherwell	35	9	6	2	25	14	8	4	6	22	20	44
3 Aberdeen	34	10	6	1	27	7	4	9	4	19	21	43
4 Hibernian	35	10	4	3	28	13	4	7	7	20	23	39
5 Celtic	34	7	7	3	18	11	5	7	5	19	16	38
6 Dundee U	34	4	9	3	19	16	5	8	5	17	17	35
7 Partick	34	7	6	3	17	11	3	6	9	20	34	32
8 Hearts	34	5	6	6	17	19	3	8	6	11	17	30
9 Kilmarnock	35	4	9	5	15	18	4	5	8	14	23	30
10 St Johnstn	34	6	6	6	23	24	1	9	6	6	18	29
11 Raith	35	3	9	6	20	28	2	5	10	15	35	24
12 Dundee	34	5	6	7	21	22	1	2	13	11	27	20

ALLBRIGHT BITTER WELSH CUP: Semi-final, first leg: Bangor City 1 Barry Town 1

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Armthorpe Welfare 4 Pontefract Col 0; Ashfield 6 Eccleshill 3, Brigg 0 Sheffield 1; Denaby 0 North Ferriby 2; Glasshoughton 2 Liversedge 1, Hucknall 0 Ossett Albion 1; Ossett Town 1 Lincoln United 2, Pickering 4 Belper 0, Stocksbridge PS 3 Winterton Rangers 0, Thackley 1 Maltby MW 2.

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Blyth Spartans 1 Seaham Red Star 2; Brandon 0 Tow Law 1, Consett 2 Shildon 1, Eppleton CW 0 Ferryhill Athletic 3, Northallerton 3 Dunston FB 0; Stockton 4 Chester-le-Street 3, West Auckland 2 Hebburn 1

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Bacup Borough 1 Maine Road (Man) 3; Blackpool Rovers 1 Rossendale 1, Chadderton 0 Newcastle Town 3, Glossop North End 1 Darwen 0; Nantwich 0 Bradford Park Avenue 2; Penrith 5 Flixton 1; Prescot 0 Clitheroe 1; Salford 3 Kidsgrove Athletic 2; St Helens 0 Burscough 1

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Carthusians 4 Salopians 3; Lancing 0 Chigwellians 0, Malvernians 1 Cholmeleians 1 First division: Harrovians 4 Bradfieldians 1, Wykehamists 0 Wellingburians 6

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Cagliari 0 Juventus 1; Cremonese 1 Reggiana 1; Naples 1 AC Milan 0; AS Roma 3 Lecce 0; Sampdoria 6 Foggia 0; Torino 1 Lazio 1; Udinese 2 Piacenza 2; Inter Milan 1 Genoa 3; Parma 2 Atalanta 1 Leading positions (after 29 matches): 1, AC Milan, 46; 2, Juventus, 39; 3, Sampdoria, 39

GERMAN LEAGUE: Eintracht Frankfurt 0 VFB Stuttgart 0, Borussia Dortmund 2 Wattenscheid 0; FC Koln 1 MSV Duisburg 0, Borussia Mönchengladbach 6 VFB Leipzig 1, FC Nuremberg 2 Bayer Leverkusen 3 Leading positions: 1, Bayern Munich, played 26, 33 points; 2, Eintracht Frankfurt, 27, 33; 3, Hamburg SV, 26, 31

FRENCH LEAGUE: Cannes 3 Lens 1, Toulouse 2 Martigues 2; Lille 1 Strasbourg 1; Le Havre 0 Lyons 1; Bordeaux 3 Caen 0; Nantes 2 Sochaux 0, Marseilles 1 Montpellier 1; Saint-Etienne 2 Angers 0 Leading positions (after 31 matches): 1, Paris St Germain, 48 points, 2, Marseilles, 42, 3, Auxerre, 38

First division

AIRDRIE (0) 0 ST MIRREN (0) 2
1,600 — Bone 53, Hewitt 67

AYR (0) 0 CLYDEBANK (0) 0
1,706

DUMBARTON (0) 0 STIRLING (0) 0
887

DUNFERMLINE (1) 1 FALKIRK (0) 1
O'Boyle 34 — Shaw 52 — 13,357

HAMILTON (3) 9 BRECHIN (0) 1
Clark 7, Ward 14, Baptie 33, McLean 49, Duffield 58, 72, 88, 89 (pen), McIntosh 78 — Millar 64 — 1,007

MORTON (0) 2 CLYDE (0) 0
Mahood 60, 63 — 1,190

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Falkirk	35	12	4	2	35	14	8	7	2	28	14	51
2 Dunfrmln	35	13	2	2	49	15	9	4	5	27	14	50
3 Airdrie	35	8	6	4	26	17	8	4	5	21	15	42
4 Hamilton	35	9	5	3	35	15	5	7	6	20	28	40
5 Clydebank	35	8	4	5	23	24	7	6	5	24	16	40
6 St Mirren	35	8	3	7	24	20	7	5	5	24	24	38
7 Ayr	35	5	6	6	16	23	6	5	7	17	21	33
8 Stirling	35	7	5	5	21	21	5	3	10	15	30	32
9 Dumbarton	35	4	7	7	20	23	5	5	7	19	20	30
10 Morton	35	3	9	5	17	20	2	6	10	18	39	25
11 Clyde	35	5	5	8	12	16	2	4	11	13	30	23
12 Brechin	35	4	3	11	12	28	1	3	13	10	39	16

Second division

ALLOA (1) 1 STRANRAER (1) 1
Cadden 39 — Ferguson 3 — 599

ARBROATH (0) 1 MEADOWBANK (0) 1
Sorbie 46 — Graham 60 — 477

COWDENBEATH (1) 1 BERWICK (3) 5
Hunter 10 — Kane 1, Irvine 8, 12, 71, Cunningham 89 — 268

E FIFE (1) 1 E STIRLING (0) 0
Burns 38 — 587

QUEEN OF S (0) 1 MONTROSE (0) 0
Thomson 54 — 682

QUEEN'S PK (1) 3 FORFAR (0) 2
O'Neill 30, McCormack 60, 66 — Heddle 69, 70 — 539

STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 0 ALBION (0) 0
500

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Stranraer	32	12	2	2	34	17	6	7	3	18	13	45
2 Stenhsmuir	32	8	5	3	31	14	8	2	6	23	22	39
3 Meadwbnk	32	8	7	1	31	19	6	4	6	27	21	39
4 Berwick	32	6	6	4	27	21	7	4	5	30	21	36
5 Alloa	32	5	6	5	13	13	6	7	3	22	18	35
6 E Fife	32	8	5	3	29	19	5	3	8	19	24	34
7 Queen of S	32	8	1	7	33	18	5	6	5	26	26	33
8 Forfar	32	6	5	5	26	25	6	4	6	23	22	33
9 E Stirling	32	7	2	7	24	23	4	7	5	20	23	31
10 Montrose	32	5	4	7	20	21	7	3	6	28	30	31
11 Arbroath	32	4	8	4	21	24	5	1	10	16	31	27
12 Queen's Pk	32	8	3	5	27	26	2	4	10	16	41	27
13 Albion	32	2	4	10	15	27	4	5	7	18	26	21
14 Cowdenbth	32	0	3	13	16	34	5	4	7	21	29	17

POOLS CHECK

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
1½	1½	1½	2	2	1½	1½	1½	2½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	3	2½	1½	2	3	1½	1½	2½	1½	1½	1½	1½

30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58
3	1½	1½	1½	1½	2½	1½	1½	2	1½	1½	1½	1½	2½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	2	2	3	1½	1½	3	3	1½

FORECAST: Dividends are very good with six jackpot draws. Telephone claims required for 22½ and 23 points.

A game of imagination for cricket-lovers

Put your selection talents to the test

THE start of the cricket season is fewer than three weeks away and *The Times*, in association with Canon UK Ltd, has joined the Test and County Cricket Board in an exclusive arrangement to produce a game that will keep armchair cricket-lovers happy throughout the season. Play *The Times* First Class XI, and you can use your skills as a cricket selector to win a trip for two to any Test match anywhere in the world next year.

Every run your players make and every wicket they take will count towards your score. Choose your players from the list on the right and use the First Class XI bat to record your selection. You can enter by post or by telephone. There are no artificial additives, no handicaps, no ratings, no transfer fees, just a test of cricketing knowledge and selection skill. Pick your team, and follow your players' progress in *The Times*, the paper for cricket.

How to play: Pick the team that you think will accumulate the most runs and wickets in the first-class cricket season. We have listed 269 players, all registered with the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB), and placed them in the following categories:

Batsmen (numbered 001-113); **all-rounders** (114-156); **wicketkeepers** (157-176) and **bowlers** (177-269).

There are also three secondary categories: **Captains** (18), one from each county; **overseas players** (18), one from each county and **rising stars** (28), promising players as selected by *The Times*.

Your team of 11 must be made up as follows: **five batsmen; one all-rounder; one wicketkeeper; four bowlers**. No other combination will be accepted and players may only be selected as categorised by *The Times*. (For example, Graeme Hick may only be chosen as an all-rounder, *not as a batsman*). Each player has a number which must be used when selecting him for the game.

There are three further restrictions to your selection.

1) In your XI, you must pick one — *and no more than one* — from the list of **captains**. For example, if you pick Alec Stewart (captain of Surrey), he will count as captain and batsman. You may not pick another captain, even from another playing category.

2) You must also pick one — *and no more than one* — of the players listed in the **overseas player** category.

3) You must pick one — *and no more than one* — of the players in the **rising stars** category. Your rising star may be a batsman, all-rounder, wicketkeeper or bowler.

In addition to the 11 players picked for the team, you must select one reserve for each of the primary categories (batsmen, all-rounders, wicketkeeper, bowlers). No captains, overseas players or rising stars may be selected as reserves. These reserves will only become active in the event of a first-choice player being officially declared inactive (for reasons of injury) for the rest of the season by *The Times* First Class XI panel. In that case your reserve will be automatically activated and his score from that moment will be added to the injured player's total. Only one replacement will be allowed in each of the four primary categories. A player declared inactive cannot re-enter the game. Having selected your team, you may give it a name.

How to score: Scores will be measured by the following means: **runs** (the aggregate runs scored by all 11 players); **wickets** (the wickets taken by all 11 players); **wicketkeeping dismissals** (catches and stumpings made by your wicketkeeper).

Each run will count as one point, each wicket as 20 points, each wicketkeeper's dismissal as 20 points (the last two categories will be listed under the heading, wickets). The total of runs and wickets will represent the entrant's total team score. The object of *The Times* First Class XI is to select the 11 players that will accumulate the most points.

In the event of a tie, competitors will be separated by counting the score of their reserves, the highest total winning. If that is insufficient, the score of the rising star will be decisive. If a further tie-break is necessary, the final tied competitors will be asked to pick their player of the season and explain why.

All matches deemed to be first-class by the TCCB (five, four or three days) will count. These include Tests, county championship and University matches, and Tetley Bitter Challenge fixtures (counties v touring teams). One-day matches will not count. At the end of each round of matches and each competition period, *The Times* will publish the list of categorised names and their updated aggregate point scores.

How to enter: There are five separate competitions. First, the main competition which runs throughout the 1994 English cricket season and for which entries must be received no later than April 13. Then there are four short competitions covering the matches which take place between **April 13-May 23; May 24-June 27; June 29-August 8; August 10-September 19.**

Entries for the main competition (which may be made by post or by telephone) will also qualify automatically for all four short competitions. Entry details for the individual short competitions (numbers two, three and four) will be published later.

The winners will be the entrants who have the highest points scores after the last match in each competition period and their names will be published in *The Times* with the names and scores of the leading 100 entrants.

You may enter any of the competitions as many times as you like but each entry requires a separate telephone call or original entry form (photocopies will not be accepted). Telephone callers must be aged 18 or over.

Entries, whether made by telephone or mail, will be acknowledged by letter including a computer printout of your team selection and an official scorecard. Please allow 28 days for delivery.

Entering by telephone: The 24-hour telephone lines are open now and close at noon on April 13. When you have selected your team, check what type of telephone you are using. You must have a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone) to enter. You **cannot** enter using a rotary dial or "pulse" telephone. Once you have found a Touch-tone telephone, you can enter by dialling **0891 500 181.**

The recorded message will ask you to key in the full set of selections (player reference numbers) for each of your 11 chosen players in the following order: the five batsmen, the all-rounder, the wicketkeeper, the bowlers. You will then be asked to name your reserves (in the same order). Make sure that the numbers you give fall within the range for each category (ie batsmen, 001-113; all-rounders, 114-156; wicketkeepers, 157-176; bowlers 177-269). Make sure you have picked one captain, one overseas player and one rising star in your team. An incorrect entry will be void.

You will then be asked to give the name of your team (no more than 16 characters) and to record your name, address and daytime phone number. Finally, you will be given an eight-digit Personal Identification Number (PIN).

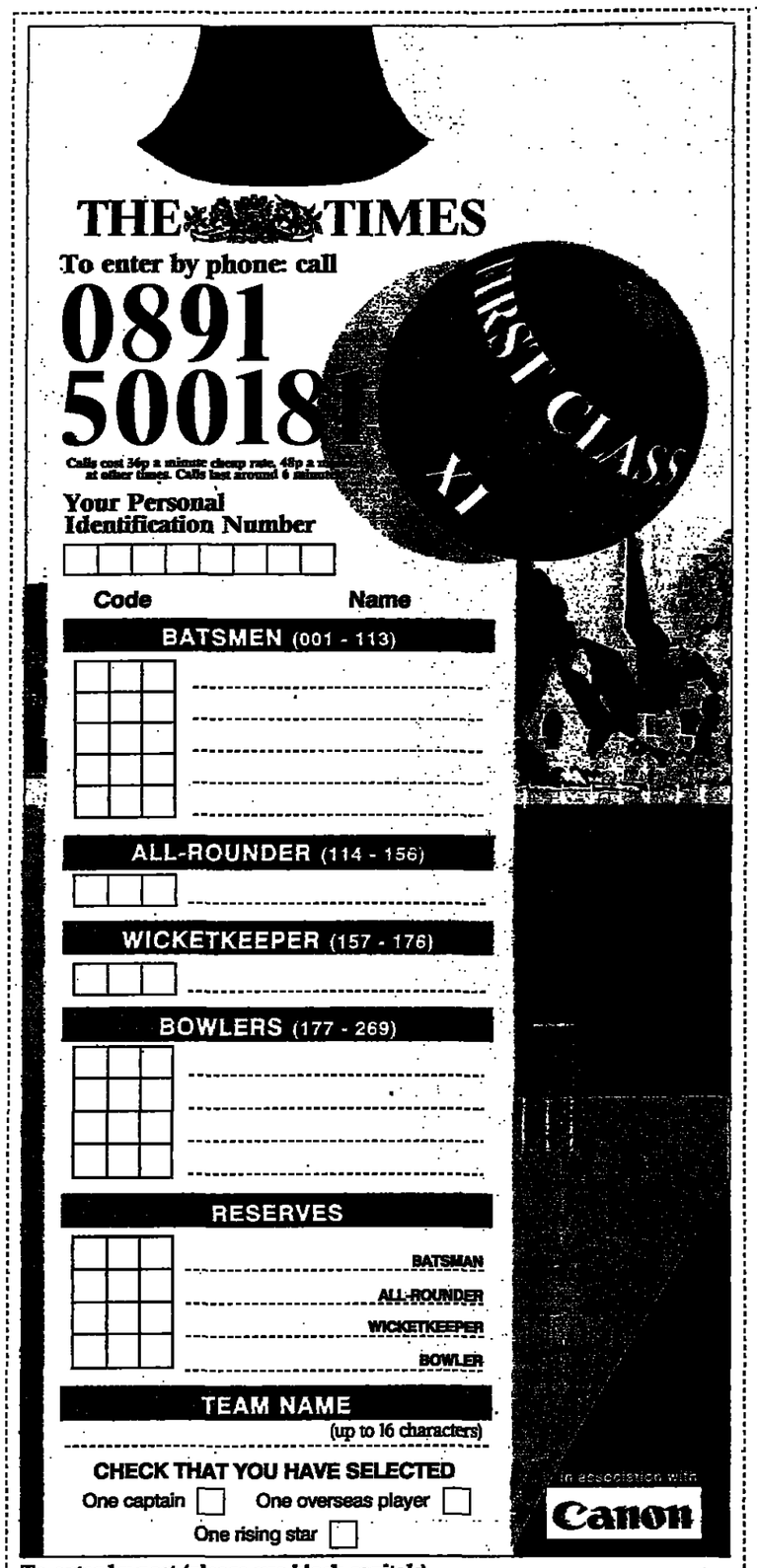
Entering by post: Each postal application must be made on an original entry form (no photocopies) and accompanied by two first-class stamps (which will be used to acknowledge entry). Send them to ***The Times* First Class XI, 4a Church Green, Harpenden, Hertfordshire AL5 2TP.** Entries must arrive by noon on April 13.

Team names: Competitors may give their teams any name of up to 16 characters although if a name is considered to be in poor taste by the panel, or if that name has already been taken, the competitor's surname will be used.

***The Times* First Class XI panel**: Ray Illingworth, the new chairman of selectors, Michael Atherton, the England captain, and Alan Lee, the cricket correspondent of *The Times*, form the panel which has final authority on any issues arising.

Junior competition: the game is open to postal entries from readers under the age of 18 and there will be a separate schools competition. Details will be announced later.

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To enter by post (please use block capitals)

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

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AGE IF UNDER 18 ..... TELEPHONE No. .....

Send your entries to: Times First Class XI
4A Church Green, Harpenden, Herts, AL5 2TP. Entries must be accompanied by two first class stamps

Batsmen (001-113)

Pick five players and a reserve from this category

001 ..... * C J Adams (Derbyshire)
002 ..... J C Adams (Nottinghamshire)
003 ..... G F Archer (Nottinghamshire)
004 ..... Asif Din (Warwickshire)
005 ..... M A Atherton (Lancashire)
006 ..... C W J Athey (Sussex)
007 ..... R J Bailey (Northamptonshire)
008 ..... K J BARNETT (Derbyshire)
009 ..... M R BENSON (Kent)
010 ..... D J Bicknell (Surrey)
011 ..... T J Boon (Leicestershire)
012 ..... P D Bowler (Derbyshire)
013 ..... N E BRIERS (Leicestershire)
014 ..... S C Broad (Gloucestershire)
015 ..... A D Brown (Surrey)
016 ..... D Byas (Yorkshire)
017 ..... J D Carr (Middlesex)
018 ..... P A Cobby (Glamorgan)
019 ..... G R Cowdrey (Kent)
020 ..... R M F Cox (Hampshire)
021 ..... J P Crawley (Lancashire)
022 ..... M A Crawley (Nottinghamshire)
023 ..... T S CURTIS (Worcestershire)
024 ..... * J A Daley (Durham)
025 ..... * W A Dessaur (Nottinghamshire)
026 ..... D B D'Oliveira (Worcestershire)
027 ..... N H Fairbrother (Lancashire)
028 ..... N A Felton (Northamptonshire)
029 ..... N A Folland (Somerset)
030 ..... A Fordham (Northamptonshire)
031 ..... G Fowler (Durham)
032 ..... * J E R Gallian (Lancashire)
033 ..... M W GATTING (Middlesex)
034 ..... G A GOOCH (Essex)
035 ..... P Grayson (Yorkshire)
036 ..... K Greenfield (Sussex)
037 ..... J W Hall (Sussex)
038 ..... T H C Hancock (Gloucestershire)
039 ..... R J Harden (Somerset)
040 ..... A N HAYHURST (Somerset)
041 ..... D L Haynes (Middlesex)
042 ..... * D L Hemp (Glamorgan)
043 ..... S G Hinks (Gloucestershire)
044 ..... G D Hodgson (Gloucestershire)
045 ..... * A J Hollioake (Surrey)
046 ..... N Hussain (Essex)
047 ..... * S Hutton (Durham)
048 ..... R C Irani (Essex)
049 ..... S P James (Glamorgan)
050 ..... P Johnson (Nottinghamshire)
051 ..... M Keech (Hampshire)
052 ..... S A Kellett (Yorkshire)
053 ..... N V Knight (Essex)
054 ..... A J LAMB (Northamptonshire)
055 ..... M N Lathwell (Somerset)
056 ..... W Larkins (Durham)
057 ..... D A Leatherdale (Worcestershire)
058 ..... N J Lenham (Sussex)
059 ..... J J B Lewis (Essex)
060 ..... * N J Llong (Kent)
061 ..... G D Lloyd (Lancashire)
062 ..... J I Longley (Durham)
063 ..... M B Loye (Northamptonshire)
064 ..... M A Lynch (Surrey)
065 ..... M P Maynard (Glamorgan)
066 ..... A A Metcalfe (Yorkshire)
067 ..... T C Middleton (Hampshire)
068 ..... A J Moles (Warwickshire)
069 ..... T M Moody (Worcestershire)
070 ..... H MORRIS (Glamorgan)
071 ..... J E Morris (Durham)
072 ..... R S M Morris (Hampshire)
073 ..... M D MOXON (Yorkshire)
074 ..... M C J NICHOLAS (Hampshire)
075 ..... T J G O'Gorman (Derbyshire)
076 ..... D P Ostler (Warwickshire)
077 ..... * T L Penney (Warwickshire)
078 ..... P R Pollard (Nottinghamshire)
079 ..... P J Prichard (Essex)
080 ..... M R Ramprakash (Middlesex)
081 ..... J D Ratcliffe (Warwickshire)
082 ..... R B Richardson (Yorkshire)
083 ..... * D D J Robinson (Essex)
084 ..... P E Robinson (Leicestershire)
085 ..... R T ROBINSON (Nottinghamshire)
086 ..... A S Rollins (Derbyshire)
087 ..... M A Roseberry (Middlesex)
088 ..... A C H Seymour (Worcestershire)
089 ..... N Shahid (Essex)
090 ..... * B F Smith (Leicestershire)
091 ..... I Smith (Durham)
092 ..... R A Smith (Hampshire)
093 ..... N J Speak (Lancashire)
094 ..... A W Smith (Surrey)
095 ..... D M Smith (Sussex)
096 ..... M P Speight (Sussex)
097 ..... A J STEWART (Surrey)
098 ..... N R Taylor (Kent)
099 ..... V P Terry (Hampshire)
100 ..... G P Thorpe (Surrey)
101 ..... S P Titchard (Lancashire)
102 ..... * M E Trescothick (Somerset)
103 ..... R G Twose (Warwickshire)
104 ..... * M P Vaughan (Yorkshire)
105 ..... D M Ward (Surrey)
106 ..... T R Ward (Kent)
107 ..... R J Warren (Northamptonshire)
108 ..... A P WELLS (Sussex)
109 ..... C M Wells (Derbyshire)
110 ..... * W P C Weston (Worcestershire)
111 ..... J J Whitaker (Leicestershire)
112 ..... * M G N Windows (Gloucestershire)
113 ..... A J Wright (Gloucestershire)

All-rounders (114-156)

Pick one player and a reserve from this category

114 ..... M W Alleyne (Gloucestershire)
115 ..... I D Austin (Lancashire)
116 ..... P BAINBRIDGE (Durham)
117 ..... D J Capel (Northamptonshire)
118 ..... * G Chapple (Lancashire)
119 ..... D G Cork (Derbyshire)
120 ..... R D B Croft (Glamorgan)
121 ..... A G Cummins (Durham)
122 ..... K M Curran (Northamptonshire)
123 ..... A Dale (Glamorgan)
124 ..... P A J DeFreitas (Derbyshire)
125 ..... J E Emburey (Middlesex)
126 ..... K P Evans (Nottinghamshire)
127 ..... M A Feltham (Middlesex)
128 ..... M V Fleming (Kent)
129 ..... P J Hartley (Yorkshire)
130 ..... * G R Haynes (Worcestershire)
131 ..... G A Hick (Worcestershire)
132 ..... C L Hooper (Kent)
133 ..... R K Illingworth (Worcestershire)
134 ..... K D James (Hampshire)
135 ..... S R Lampitt (Worcestershire)
136 ..... R P Lefebvre (Glamorgan)
137 ..... C C Lewis (Nottinghamshire)
138 ..... G W Mike (Nottinghamshire)
139 ..... Mushtaq Ahmed (Somerset)
140 ..... P J Newport (Worcestershire)
141 ..... C Penn (Kent)
142 ..... M Prabhakar (Warwickshire)
143 ..... D A REEVE (Warwickshire)
144 ..... G D Rose (Somerset)
145 ..... P V Simmons (Leicestershire)
146 ..... N M K Smith (Warwickshire)
147 ..... P A Smith (Warwickshire)
148 ..... * J N Snape (Northamptonshire)
149 ..... F D Stephenson (Sussex)
150 ..... J P Stephenson (Essex)
151 ..... C M Tolley (Worcestershire)
152 ..... Wasim Akram (Lancashire)
153 ..... M WATKINSON (Lancashire)
154 ..... V J Wells (Leicestershire)
155 ..... * P N Weekes (Middlesex)
156 ..... C White (Yorkshire)

Wicketkeepers (157-176)

Pick one player and a reserve from this category

157 ..... A N Aymes (Hampshire)
158 ..... R J Blakey (Yorkshire)
159 ..... K R Brown (Middlesex)
160 ..... N D Burns (Somerset)
161 ..... B N French (Nottinghamshire)
162 ..... M A Garnham (Essex)
163 ..... W K Hegg (Lancashire)
164 ..... G J Kersey (Surrey)
165 ..... K M Krikken (Derbyshire)
166 ..... S A Marsh (Kent)
167 ..... C P Metson (Glamorgan)
168 ..... P Moores (Sussex)
169 ..... P A Nixon (Leicestershire)
170 ..... K J Piper (Warwickshire)
171 ..... S J Rhodes (Worcestershire)
172 ..... D Ripley (Northamptonshire)
173 ..... * R J Rollins (Essex)
174 ..... R C Russell (Gloucestershire)
175 ..... C W Scott (Durham)
176 ..... R J Turner (Somerset)

Bowlers (177-269)

Pick four players and a reserve from this category

177 ..... J A Afford (Nottinghamshire)
178 ..... C E L Ambrose (Northamptonshire)
179 ..... S J W Andrew (Essex)
180 ..... A M Babington (Gloucestershire)
181 ..... M C J Ball (Gloucestershire)
182 ..... A A Barnett (Lancashire)
183 ..... S R Barwick (Glamorgan)
184 ..... S Bastien (Glamorgan)
185 ..... * J D Batty (Yorkshire)
186 ..... J E Benjamin (Surrey)
187 ..... W K M Benjamin (Hampshire)
188 ..... P J Berry (Durham)
189 ..... M P Bicknell (Surrey)
190 ..... I R Bishop (Derbyshire)
191 ..... J Boiling (Surrey)
192 ..... M Broadhurst (Yorkshire)
193 ..... S J E Brown (Durham)
194 ..... M A Butcher (Surrey)
195 ..... A R Caddick (Somerset)
196 ..... J H Childs (Essex)
197 ..... C A Connor (Hampshire)
198 ..... N G B Cook (Northamptonshire)
199 ..... K E Cooper (Gloucestershire)
200 ..... A C Cottam (Northamptonshire)
201 ..... N G Cowans (Hampshire)
202 ..... R P Davis (Warwickshire)
203 ..... M A Ealham (Kent)
204 ..... R M Ellison (Kent)
205 ..... M G Field-Buss (Nottinghamshire)
206 ..... * D P J Flint (Hampshire)
207 ..... M J Foster (Yorkshire)
208 ..... A R C Fraser (Middlesex)
209 ..... O D Gibson (Glamorgan)
210 ..... * E S H Giddins (Sussex)
211 ..... D Gough (Yorkshire)
212 ..... D A Graveney (Durham)
213 ..... F A Griffith (Derbyshire)
214 ..... D W Headley (Kent)
215 ..... E E Hemmings (Sussex)
216 ..... A P Igglesden (Kent)
217 ..... M C Ilott (Essex)
218 ..... P W Jarvis (Sussex)
219 ..... M Jean-Jacques (Hampshire)
220 ..... * R L Johnson (Middlesex)
221 ..... M S Kasprowicz (Essex)
222 ..... N M Kendrick (Surrey)
223 ..... * D R Law (Sussex)
225 ..... M J McCague (Kent)
226 ..... D E Malcolm (Derbyshire)
227 ..... N A Mallender (Somerset)
228 ..... P J Martin (Lancashire)
229 ..... R J Maru (Hampshire)
230 ..... D J Millns (Leicestershire)
231 ..... O H Mortensen (Derbyshire)
232 ..... A D Mullally (Leicestershire)
233 ..... T A Munton (Warwickshire)
234 ..... A J Murphy (Surrey)
235 ..... J A North (Sussex)
236 ..... G J Parsons (Leicestershire)
237 ..... M M Patel (Kent)
238 ..... R M Pearson (Essex)
239 ..... A L Penberthy (Northamptonshire)
240 ..... * D B Pennett (Nottinghamshire)
241 ..... R A Pick (Nottinghamshire)
242 ..... A C S Pigott (Surrey)
243 ..... * A R K Pierson (Leicestershire)
244 ..... N V Radford (Worcestershire)
245 ..... A R Roberts (Northamptonshire)
246 ..... M A Robinson (Yorkshire)
247 ..... D K Salisbury (Sussex)
248 ..... K J Shine (Middlesex)
249 ..... R W Sladdin (Derbyshire)
250 ..... G C Small (Warwickshire)
251 ..... D J Spencer (Kent)
252 ..... R D Stemp (Yorkshire)
253 ..... P M Such (Essex)
254 ..... J P Taylor (Northamptonshire)
255 ..... * S D Thomas (Glamorgan)
256 ..... M J Thursfield (Hampshire)
257 ..... T D Topley (Essex)
258 ..... H R J Trump (Somerset)
259 ..... P C R Tufnell (Middlesex)
260 ..... S D Udal (Hampshire)
261 ..... M J Vandrau (Derbyshire)
262 ..... A P Van Troost (Somerset)
263 ..... C A WALSH (Gloucestershire)
264 ..... Waqar Younis (Surrey)
265 ..... A E Warner (Derbyshire)
266 ..... S L Watkin (Glamorgan)
267 ..... N F Williams (Middlesex)
268 ..... J Wood (Durham)
269 ..... G Yates (Lancashire)

CAPITALS denote captains
overseas players

Bold type denotes
* denotes rising stars

Captains

116: P Bainbridge (all-rounder)
008: K J Barnett (batsman)
009: M R Benson (batsman)
013: N E Briers (batsman)
023: T S Curtis (batsman)
033: M W Gatting (batsman)
034: G A Gooch (batsman)
040: A N Hayhurst (batsman)
054: A J Lamb (batsman)
070: H Morris (batsman)
073: M D Moxon (batsman)
074: M C J Nicholas (batsman)
143: D A Reeve (all-rounder)
085: R T Robinson (batsman)
097: A J Stewart (batsman)
263: C A Walsh (bowler, o'seas player)
153: M Watkinson (all-rounder)
108: A P Wells (batsman)

Overseas players

002: J C Adams (batsman)
178: *C E L Ambrose (bowler)*
187: W K M Benjamin (bowler)
190: I R Bishop (bowler)
121: A C Cummins (all-rounder)
209: *O D Gibson (bowler)*
041: D L Haynes (batsman)
132: C L Hooper (all-rounder)
221: M S Kasprowicz (bowler)
069: T M Moody (batsman)
139: Mushtaq Ahmed (all-rounder)
142: M Prabhakar (all-rounder)
062: R B Richardson (batsman)
145: P V Simmons (all-rounder)
149: F D Stephenson (all-rounder)
263: C A Walsh (bowler, captain)
264: Waqar Younis (bowler)
152: Wasim Akram (all-rounder)

Rising stars

001: C J Adams (batsman)
185: J D Batty (bowler)
118: G Chapple (all-rounder)
024: J A Daley (batsman)
025: W A Dessaur (batsman)
206: D P J Flint (bowler)
032: J E R Gallian (batsman)
210: E S H Giddins (bowler)
130: *G R Haynes (all-rounder)*
042: D L Hemp (batsman)
045: A J Hollioake (batsman)
047: S Hutton (batsman)
220: R L Johnson (bowler)
223: D R Law (bowler)
060: N J Llong (batsman)
240: D B Pennett (bowler)
077: T L Penney (batsman)
243: A R K Pierson (bowler)
063: D D J Robinson (batsman)
173: R J Rollins (wicketkeeper)
090: B F Smith (batsman)
148: J N Snape (all-rounder)
255: S D Thomas (bowler)
102: *M Trescothick* (batsman)
104: M P Vaughan (batsman)
155: P N Weekes (all-rounder)
110: W P C Weston (batsman)
112: *M G N Windows* (batsman)

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Only applications made through The Times First Class XI telephone lines or on the official entry form will be accepted and must be received by the closing date.

2. They must be received by noon on Wednesday, April 13, 1994. There is no limit to the number of telephone applications any person or household may make. The 24-hour lines are open now.

3. Only players published in our The Times First Class XI list will be accepted into our First Class XI competition. Incorrect entries null and void with no refund. No correspondence related to players selected will be entered into. Entries lost or found to be indecipherable will be void.

4. Entries must consist of 15 players (11 first choice and four reserves) from the published list and must include one captain, one overseas player and one rising star as categorised in the list. Of your 11, five must be batsmen, one an all-rounder, one a wicketkeeper and four bowlers. One each of the four reserves *must be a batsmen, all-rounder*, wicketkeeper and bowler. None of the reserves may be captains, overseas players or rising stars. No player can be picked twice.

5. *The Times* independent panel of experts will provide updated records of each player's performance on a regular basis.

6. Inaudible or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

The computer's record of the entry will be considered to be the entry.

7. The telephone entry method is only open to readers over the age of 18.

8. The first prize will go to the team with the highest total score. If there is more than one entrant *with the same total of points, the* winner will be decided by tie-break. We will investigate complaints but our decision is final and we will not enter into correspondence regarding the competition.

9. Promotional and explanatory copy relating to The Times First Class XI form part of the terms and conditions for participation.

10. Calls charged at 36p per minute cheap rate and 48p per minute at other times. From March 31 calls will be charged at 39p per minute cheap rate and 49p per minute at other times.

11. Calls should take approximately six minutes.

12. The competition is not open to employees of News International or their agents.

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SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C	Last snow
AUSTRIA								
Obergurgl	30	110	good	varied	fair	sun	10	26/3
	(Good easter skiing after recent fresh snow)							
Schladming	0	90	good	varied	closed	fair	9	27/3
	(Overnight frost and well groomed pistes)							
FRANCE								
Alpe D'huez	95	300	good	varied	fair	fine	3	25/3
	(Good spring skiing after an icy start)							
Avoriaz	130	170	fair	heavy	soft	sun	5	26/3
	(Light covering of fresh snow)							
Chamonix	10	385	good	varied	poor	sun	12	26/3
	(Very good skiing on higher slopes)							
Isola	60	110	good	heavy	slushy	sun	8	1/3
	(Good skiing on all north facing slopes)							
Val d'Isère	80	275	good	varied	good	sun	7	26/3
	(Fresh snow and good skiing but avalanche danger)							
Val Thorens	80	250	good	varied	good	fine	8	26/3
	(Fresh snow on firm base giving great skiing)							
SWITZERLAND								
Arosa	75	90	good	crusty	good	fine	3	26/3
	(Wonderful skiing with fresh snow and sunshine)							
C Montana	10	100	good	powder	closed	fine	6	26/3
	(Excellent skiing above 2000m with fresh snow)							
Verbier	5	300	good	powder	closed	sun	10	26/3
	(Great powder skiing on higher slopes)							
Wengen	0	60	fair	varied	closed	fine	6	26/3
	(Good skiing on all open upper pistes)							
Zermatt	10	125	good	spring	poor	fine	9	25/3
	(Good spring skiing in glorious sunshine)							

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial.

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BRAINTEASERS

Answers from page 44

BIRL

(b) To move with a rotatory motion, as a rifle bullet or a country dancer in the Foursome, or transitively to cause anything to rotate rapidly, as a logger does while standing upon a log in the water, as seen in the cinema and on television; a modern word, apparently onomatopoeic, probably having associations with *birr, whirr, whirl* and *hurl*, and the Scottish *dirl* and *purl*, in all of which there is a reference to vibration or rotation and its sound: "Now through the air the auld boy birled."

AFFENPINSCHER

(c) A breed of small dog, related to the so-called Brussels griffon, and having tufts of hair on the face. A young man growing a beard for the first time could be referred to in casual conversation as being in his *affenpinscher* phase without causing overt outrage. Note the put-down epithet "so-called". A Brussels griffon is so-called because it *is* a Brussels griffon. The same applies to the tasteless vegetable.

NIPTER

(a) The ceremony of washing the feet on Maundy Thursday in the Eastern Orthodox churches. Hang on. Maundy Thursday comes only *once a year*! On the face of it, this would seem to deal a body blow to the cause of multiculturalism.

POLIORCETICS

(c) The art of conducting and resisting sieges, siegecraft, from the Greek *poliorkein* to besiege, *polis* a town, city-state + *herkos* a fence or enclosure: "The whole science of medieval polioreetics was based on the principle of outworks."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 Rc8! Qxc8 2 Ne7+! winning the queen.

ASS XI PLAYERS

MARC ASPLAND



The Cambridge crew in celebratory mood after giving an exhibition of world-class rowing in winning the 140th Boat Race

Cambridge set new standards

BY MIKE ROSEWELL
ROWING CORRESPONDENT

THE Oxford crew were unlucky in that they were the only eight people among the thousands lining the banks of the Thames, and the millions watching on television, not to witness an exhibition of world-class rowing by the best Cambridge crew, in the 140th Boat Race on Saturday.

Oxford won the toss and Kingsley Poole, their president, chose Middlesex, banking everything on an early lead.

The Oxford start was, according to Liz Chick, their cox, "a bit ropy" but it is unlikely that their best would have been enough to hold Cambridge. The race was effectively over after two minutes.

The lead extended, five seconds at the Mile, eight seconds at Hammersmith, 16 seconds at Chiswick Steps, the same at Barnes Bridge, and another four added by the finish.

The minimal gain over the second half was a credit to Oxford's grit and maintenance of cohesion, and an indictment of Martin Haycock's wide steering around the Barnes Bend.

By that stage of the race it was irrelevant. Chick, who steered superbly, said: "They could have done a loop-the-loop and beaten us."

Cambridge's performance could, if noted by top coaches, be a pointer for British rowing. Emphasis on technique and fitness led to the crew using fully, and apparently effortlessly, the power and stamina achieved by extremely rigorous, but strictly monitored months of training. Having accelerated the boat through one stroke, they did nothing to check it before taking the next, something understood, but seldom achieved at the level shown by Cambridge on Saturday.

Their trio of coaches, Harry Mahon, John Wilson and Sean Bowden, have spent two years following their philosophy, winning both as underdogs and favourites. The internationals in their crew, British, American, and two German world champions, know they have been part of something special and say so. Jon Bernstein, Cambridge's American international president, does not intend to row seriously again. His reason is that "it does not get any better than that". Cambridge's German and British internationals will continue and have ideas to pass on.

They watched their future squad mates in the 420-crew Head of the River after their own contest. The German squad, racing as Munster and with Strepplehoff and Hoeltzenbein's six world champion colleagues on board, beat the Leander squad, Redgrave and Pinsent included, by two seconds.

The sweet music of Cambridge's trio now ends. Mahon will be at Lake Mangahino in his native New Zealand on Wednesday, taking up his new national coach position. The maverick Bowden is off around the world surfing rather than working, and quietly spoken Wilson will return to selling Cleaver blades. Cambridge are advertising for a new coach.

CREWS AND DETAILS

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: Bow: R D Taylor (Shrewsbury and Trinity Hall); 2: * W T M Mason (Shrewsbury and Trinity Hall); 3: * S M Gore (Methodist College, Belfast and Jesus); 4: * R C Phelps (Latymer Upper and St Edmund's); 5: *J A Bernstein (president; Phillips Andover (US), Harvard and St Edmund's); 6: M H Parish (Eton, University College London and St Edmund's); 7: P J M Hoeltzenbein (Munster, Ruhr Universitat, Bochum (Ger) and Magdalene); Stroke: T Streppelhoff (Dorsten, Ruhr Universitat, Bochum (Ger) and St Edmund's); Cox: * M N Haycock (Abingdon and Magdalene)

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: Bow: H J Macmillan (Eton and Worcester); 2: C M Mahne (Eton and St Catherine's); 3: * J G Michels (St John's College HS (US), La Salle, and Pembroke); 4: A S Gordon-Brown (Hyde Park HS (SA), University of Cape Town and Keble); 5: D R Clegg (Radley, University College London and Keble); 6: Sverke Lorgen (Spellavik VGS (Nor), Harvard and University); 6: Snorre Lorgen (Lycée Corneille (Fr), Harvard, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Nuffield); Stroke: * K Poole (president; Magdalen College School and St John's), Cox: * H E Chick (Helsby HS and Christ Church).

* an old blue

INTERMEDIATE TIMES: Mile: Cambridge 3min 58secs, Oxford 4min 03secs; Hammersmith Bridge: Cambridge 7:12, Oxford 7:20, Chiswick Steps: Cambridge 11:12, Oxford 11:28, Barnes Bridge: Cambridge 15:07, Oxford 15:23; Finish: Cambridge 18:09, Oxford 18:29

RESERVE RACE: Goldie bt Isis by 13 lengths, 18min 27sec

Passion dominates romantics' refuge



SIMON BARNES
At the Boat Race

The Boat Race has become the last refuge of the sporting romantic. Pure, perfect, innocent, an ancient survivor of a world less irksome than our own. Noble youths flog their guts out, not for money but for a dream. The Boat Race is a lesson for the impure, imperfect and corrupt of every other sporting discipline.

To add to the romanticism of the whole occasion, Kingsley Poole, the defeated, not to say routed Oxford president, chose this moment, a few minutes after the race, to announce his engagement. Enter Alison Ward, law graduate and solicitor with self-contained smile, who will marry him in July.

Romantic? "I don't see anything romantic in proposing. It is very romantic to be in love. But there is nothing romantic about a definite proposal. Why, one may be accepted . . ."

Perhaps, then, Poole should have restricted himself to an announcement that he was in love. Certainly, his face trumpeted a silent announcement that this was no *mariage de convenance*. But perhaps the race itself was romanticism enough for one afternoon.

There was plenty for rowing purists to purr about. Cambridge, clearly getting what in dog-racing circles is known as an early sight of the hare, came out of the traps and effectively ended the race inside a minute.

Going backwards adds a certain finality to rowing: once a crew can see the opponents without screwing their necks, power flows through them. In a running race, the pursuer is inspired by the appetite of the predator, the leader by the fear of the prey animal. In rowing, the following oarsmen are lost, out on their own with nothing to aim at. You rarely see a lead overcome.

And so after 30 seconds or so, it was all over bar the awed remarks of rowing people. They talked about length, rhythm, smoothness, perfection. But the seekers of romance were not to be silenced.

I wondered what it was that set these pure young men apart from, say, Ayrton Senna, Diego Maradona, Boris Becker, Michael Jordan and Ian Botham.

Jon Bernstein, the Cambridge president, gave us the big virile grin afterwards and drawled in American sportspeak: "It was a big shot of adrenalin for us when we led right away". One might have been at the Olympics or the Super Bowl for all the romanticism of that.

But athletes have a way of not living up to the visions of their spectators. It is spectators, not athletes, who are romantic. Athletes are not romantic, any more than artists are exquisite.

"I have seen those little drawings you keep hidden away in your room. They are *exquisite*. And you, my dear Charles, if you will understand me, are *not* exquisite, but not at all. Artists are not exquisite. I am; Sebastian, in a kind of way, is exquisite, but the artist is an eternal type, solid, purposeful, observant — and beneath it all, p-p-passionate, eh, Charles?"

This is Anthony Blanche in *Brideshead Revisited* and his view of the essentially humdrum nature of the artist will do very well for the essential nature of the athlete: solid, purposeful and, beneath it all, p-p-passionate.

These are qualities you find in abundance in both Boat Race crews and in their coaches. The six-month ordeal of preparation is as solid, as purposeful, as, if you like, professional, as anything you can find anywhere in sport. And like everything else in sport, it simply could not be sustained without the underlying passion.

But the receiving of ludicrous sums of money does not disqualify Senna, Becker and Co from solidity, purpose and passion. They do not have a need for money and are driven not by greed but passion.

You may as well say that the Boat Race crews were motivated by Beefeater Gin: you may as well say the Boat Race crews were inspired by the unquestionable zing a blue imparts to your CV. It is all the same.

But like Boris and Ayrton and Diego, the Boat Race crews were primarily seeking victory and glory. To get there, Boat Race people are prepared to sack coaches and to pack the crews with international oarsmen and career athletes.

The crews are prepared to build every aspect of six months of their lives around the dream of victory — but then the average club runner does much the same thing for 12 months of every year, and generally does a full-time job as well. Both creditably perform a magnificent conjuring trick of time management and determination.

The greater the event, the greater the temptations, and the Boat Race has few great temptations. Athletes at all events seek neither money nor a romantic dream. They seek victory — or they would not be there.

Athletes define themselves — Liz Chick, the Oxford cox, Thorsten Streppelhoff, the Cambridge stroke, Senna at the wheel of the Williams and poor bloated Diego on the touchline against Brazil last week — by the striving for victory.

Not romantic. Solid, purposeful, and beneath it all, p-p-passionate.

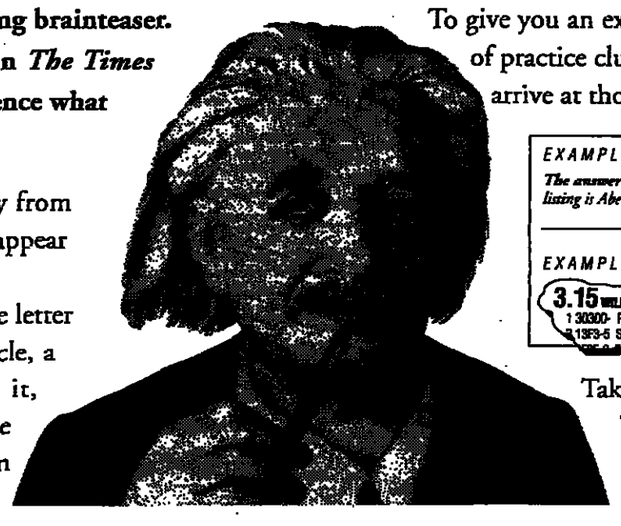
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THE TIMES

CONUNDRUM

the ultimate brainteaser

It is an intriguing, challenging and extremely satisfying brainteaser. It is a competition called Conundrum and it starts in *The Times* today. The winner, along with five friends, will experience what must be the most desirable holiday spot on Earth.



To win Conundrum, you will need *The Times* every day from today until Tuesday, 12th April. A Conundrum clue will appear on each of those days and you will have to solve them. As on every other day, the answer to today's clue is a single letter or number, hidden somewhere in *The Times* - in an article, a headline, or a page heading. When you have solved it, make a note of it on a Conundrum coupon like the one below. Together the letters and numbers will form an anagram of the competition winning phrase.

To give you an example of how to play Conundrum, we have included a set of practice clues, with their answers, and explanations of how you should arrive at those answers.

EXAMPLE 1 AROUND BRITIAN FROM ABERDEEN YOU WILL ALWAYS END THERE. 3RD LETTER

The answer is C In the "Around Britain" panel listing today's weather, the first listing is Aberdeen and the last is Wick. Third letter of the word "Wick" – C



EXAMPLE 2 AT A QUARTER PAST THE CHASE IS ON. 1ST NUMERAL

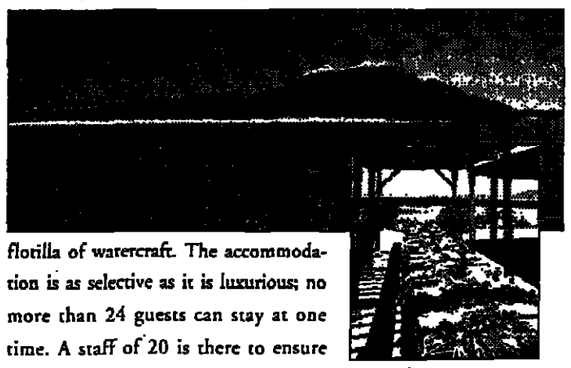


The answer is 3 The only "chase" listed in the sports section is the William Stone Handicap Chase, starting at 3.15. First numeral of the time the chase starts – 3

Take a close look at them, then try to solve today's clue yourself. There will be eleven more to solve, so you might even want to enlist the help of a few friends. Who knows - it could be you and your team who'll be picking up the prize!

WIN *the ultimate holiday*
A week for you and five of your friends

Necker Island



Fringed with immaculate beaches and surrounded by the clearest blue Caribbean seas, Necker Island was uninhabited until Richard Branson bought it and set about building his holiday hideaway.

The pitched roof is Brazilian Ipe wood, the floors are Yorkshire stone. The world has been scoured in the quest for the finest furniture, fittings and soft furnishings and the house has been stocked with every possible facility, every imaginable diversion - from a full size snooker table to a studio quality sound system and CD library to a treasure chest full of board games. There are also spa baths, a pool, two floodlit tennis courts, a vast amount of sports equipment and a small flotilla of watercraft. The accommodation is as selective as it is luxurious; no more than 24 guests can stay at one time. A staff of 20 is there to ensure they get the best of everything, at all times. Best of all, the Virgin Atlantic Upper Class flights, arrival on the island's own helipad, the food, the drinks and the watersports - they are all entirely free.

TODAY'S CONUNDRUM



As his surname suggests, he's as the proverbial on chess but what name did his parents call him?

2nd letter.

ENTRY FORM
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Send your entry to: The Times Conundrum Competition, PO Box 223, Mitcham, Surrey, CR4 1YF to arrive no later than 30th April 1994.

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ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Save energy, save money

Andrew Williams explains why all sectors of commerce and industry must declare a commitment to energy management

Industry, commerce and the public sector spend more than £13 billion a year on energy. Improved energy management could reduce this by at least 20 per cent.

Energy spending in public sector buildings alone amounts to more than £2 billion — of which another 20 per cent could be saved.

Senior managers in local government and the private sector are not primarily concerned, on the whole, with managing or conserving energy use in their buildings. Their main priorities are the organisation's efficiency, profitability or level of service.

However, many commercial companies have set themselves energy-saving targets similar to those adopted by government departments (15 per cent over a five-year period), confirming their commitment to manage costs.

Saving money is not the only reason for reducing energy consumption. Government commitment, plus increased public awareness of the environmental consequences of burning fossil fuels, now demands that organisations draw up environmental policies. Increasingly stringent legislation on environmental management and performance is contributing to reduced energy use and a fall in carbon dioxide emissions with an associated impact on global warming.

The pursuit of energy efficiency is one of the most fundamental, practical and beneficial policies in the management of energy, like that of any other resource. But a commitment to energy efficiency must be made by both senior management and workforce alike.

In July 1993 the then Department of Energy — now the Energy Efficiency Office (EEO) — published the Armitage Norton Report, which primarily considered organisations' management approach to energy matters. The report identified two key barriers to energy management: its low status, and the low priority of energy investment.

The report also drew attention to three organisational issues which need to be addressed if energy is to be effectively controlled: energy policy, energy management structures, and energy reporting structures.

The report proposed a matrix approach to energy and management which was developed into a Best Practice publication prepared by the Building Research Energy Conservation Support Unit (BRECSU) on behalf of the EEO, which deals with organisational aspects of energy management.

Many organisations, even those well advanced in energy management, have no formal energy policy. If commitment to saving energy is left to operate on an unofficial or ad hoc basis, its impact can be lessened by day-to-day changes in staff or priorities. A policy statement will act as a public declaration of an organisation's commitment to energy conservation and protection, and as a working document to guide an organisation's energy management practices.

The EEO has initiated a campaign under the name "Making a Corporate Commitment". It is designed to persuade company directors that energy efficiency should be considered on a regular basis by the board.

More than 1,600 major private and public organisations have made a corporate commitment to energy efficiency, and the campaign will develop signatories' corporate culture towards effective energy management, whether in the private or public sector.

It is easy to view technology as the answer to all the problems of energy efficiency in buildings; however, people like to feel they have control of their environment. Indeed, to realise the potential of such systems they must be designed and programmed to suit the building type and fabric, and be sympathetic to the occupancy of the building.

Increasingly, technology can be called upon to help to reduce energy bills by the installation of more efficient plant, better insulation or improved controls. These must not, however, be considered in isolation from other technical measures or the requirements of the occupants. BRECSU, on behalf of the EEO, promotes via the Best Practice programme energy efficiency measures and procedures that form a balanced approach for each of the target sectors.

Although typically over 50 per cent of an energy bill is spent on heating and hot water, an increasing proportion arises from a growth in electrical demand. The boom in personal computers and general office information technology (IT) equipment, as well as increased lighting levels, is a concern in many organisations. The energy used by IT equipment can account for up to 20 per cent of the total energy bill for an office. A further 20 per cent can often be accounted for in lighting an office. Electricity can account for 15 per cent of total energy supplied, but 40 per cent of the cost.

Motivation and commitment are essential ingredients of any energy efficiency programme. It is unlikely that any one person in an organisation can make lasting and meaningful energy savings without staff undertaking good housekeeping procedures, with support from the management.

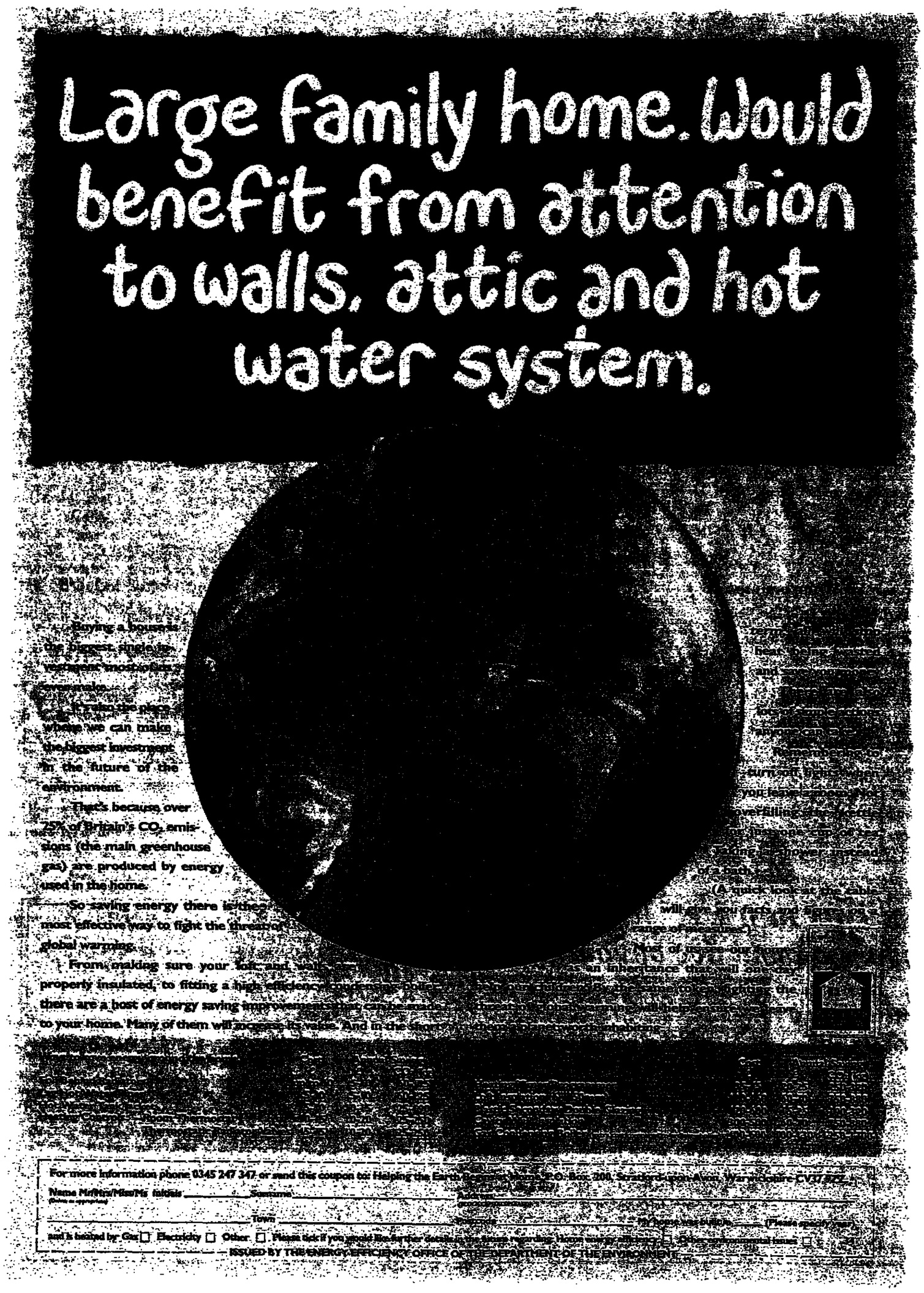
Energy efficiency often has "non energy" benefits, such as improved staff productivity and reduced maintenance. Staff productivity can be raised, especially in working environments in which staff feel at ease with their surroundings. Equally, many staff are receptive to participating in campaigns relating to the environment.

In the public sector there may be additional powerful motivators for local action. A local authority demonstrating commitment to energy efficiency, environment and green issues may be able to attract inward investment into the local economy, by virtue of the positive local environment created. This may also extend to improved standards of health as well as reduced operating costs associated with local authorities' own buildings.

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Scientific officer Brian Webb at the Building Research Establishment



Built to be efficient

Advice on building design is readily available — and highly effective

An estimated annual energy saving of £180 million — equivalent to the output of two medium-sized power stations — is possible in commercial and Government buildings alone, simply by following advice on their design.

The difficulty is ensuring that sound and appropriate advice is available from independent experts. To fill the gap, and counter accusations that the Government was not converting words into action on energy efficiency, the Department of Trade and Industry set up the Energy Advice Scheme just over a year ago.

A pilot study was established at the Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland, and at the Department of Architecture at Strathclyde University in 1989. Its success led to the decision to expand the scheme to cover the whole of the UK.

Already it claims that advice given through its four regional centres — in London, Glasgow, Sheffield and Belfast — has resulted in significant savings on the annual running costs of a wide range of buildings across the UK. More than 400 clients have benefited from advice that, if fully implemented, could achieve annual savings of more than £2 million.

> Energy advice is saving £3,000 a year at the King's Theatre in Southsea

Two further regional centres are planned for the Midlands and the South-West.

The scheme is intended to provide advice and guidance on energy-conscious design in buildings to anyone involved in designing and operating property, from architects and engineers to facilities managers and owner-occupiers.

Any company that intends to build a construction larger than 500 square metres can have the first day's consultation provided free by regional centre professionals. If they find an opportunity to save energy, the project can qualify for further consultation at half price from consultants registered with the Energy Design Advice scheme.

The buildings that result are not only cheaper to run, but are more marketable if the company subsequently decides to sell, the DTI claims.

Since the scheme extended nationwide it has helped a remarkable variety of undertakings. For example, a feasibility study undertaken by ASL Sterling, consultants approved by the Energy Design Advice scheme, helped Hampshire County Council to save up to £3,000 a year by cutting energy bills at the King's Theatre in Southsea.

The consultants came in at the design stage of the theatre refurbishment to find an efficent way of retaining a natural ventilation system rather than installing expensive air conditioning.

Another Energy Design Scheme consultant, Professor Charles Robertson, made recommendations that cut 28 per cent from the annual fuel bills of residents on the Blairtummock estate in Easterhouse, Glasgow.

After years of deterioration, the first stage of a redevelopment programme was completed last year. The scheme to turn 104 flats into 79 refurbished ones involved reducing the height of some blocks from three storeys to two, and amalgamating some flats to create more spacious maisonettes.

Professor Robertson was able to demonstrate the benefits of external insulation, loft and wall insulation, reducing the size of the bedroom windows and incorporating kitchen balconies into the flats. New gas heating systems save up to £259 a year for each flat.

Next month seminars being run jointly by the Energy Design Advice scheme's South-East regional centre, and the conservation unit of the Museums and Galleries Commission, will explain how architects and engineers should approach the design of museum buildings.

Tadj Oreszczyn, Energy Design Advice regional director, says: "There is growing awareness within museums and galleries for the need to adopt good conservation practices. The successful design of museum buildings requires a new attitude by architects and building services engineers in collaboration with museum operators."

Outside the Energy Design Advice scheme, funds are available from other sources in the drive to save energy. Birmingham City Council qualified for funds from the Government's greenhouse gas emission reduction programme for the heating scheme at Stechford Cascades leisure centre, and three blocks of flats nearby.

AHS Emstar, an energy management contractor, installed new boilers in a renovated pump house that supplied heat to the flats as well as the pool. It also installed a combined heat and power unit using waste heat to supply hot water.

AHS has also taken over the running of the £2 million energy plant at the Royal Liverpool University Hospital. The hospital will make estimated energy cost savings of £550,000 for the first ten years, and £882,000 for the second ten years of the contract period.

The entire old boiler plant is being replaced with new plant, including a composite boiler that does away with the need for a separate smaller summer boiler, saving £70,000 needed at present to maintain the separate equipment.

RODNEY HOBSON

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Power to the people

The electricity watchdog is out to save money. **David Young** reports

In two weeks' time Professor Stephen Littlechild, director-general of Electricity Supply — the electricity industry's watchdog, to give him his more commonly used title — will introduce a new price control package for the power industry, which will result in energy savings of around £100 million over the next four years.

His new proposals will give better protection to the small electricity user, and require each of the electricity supply companies, the former area electricity boards, to spend at least £1 per customer per year on energy efficiency measures.

The new measures will give an important boost to the energy efficiency industry. But Professor Littlechild's attack on the efficient use of energy, and on the way that it is generated, distributed and marketed, is continuing. By 1998, when a more competitive climate in the electricity industry will be introduced, a whole new range of energy-saving measures will have been ordered.

Professor Littlechild says: "This tougher control is good news for customers. It will also promote competition and boost energy efficiency.

"I believe my proposals represent a sound and reasonable basis on which the regional electricity companies can run their supply businesses.

"They provide effective protection to the franchise customers, while rewarding those companies which have made efficiency gains. They put in place a broad framework of incentives to encourage further efficiency gains by each company, and to ensure that these are shared with customers."

Discussions are now going on to determine what measures will follow from Professor Littlechild's office. Already some simple but innovative suggestions have come from the regional boards.



Stephen Littlechild investigates energy's raw materials

For instance, Seeboard plans to offer free loft insulation to customers who buy night storage central heating systems; Eastern Electricity is offering power recharging points on the Norfolk Broads, to encourage electric power boats and reduce the protential for pollution; and the East Midlands board has offered customers in one rural area subsidised high efficiency lightbulbs, as an alternative to having to install expensive new wiring in a local distribution network.

Professor Littlechild says: "Overall we were impressed by the wide range of initiatives on energy efficiency referred to by the companies, although we were unable to assess their overall cost and impact, or to form a view on how much real progress was being made.

"But the response does suggest that energy efficiency and energy management services are being viewed as increasingly relevant to the competitive market."

The regulator has canvassed the views of all sectors in the industry, as well as seeking suggestions from individuals and charities in energy efficiency matters.

Inevitably there are conflicts of interest, but there are clearly the Office of Electricity Supply will be able to steer the industry towards specific areas, so that substantial benefits should follow for the electricity consumer.

The regulator takes the view that because of the significance and complexity of the issues surrounding the energy efficiency debate, it is not realistic to identify any single step that would resolve all of the energy efficiency concerns.

Professor Littlechild believes that the development of effective competitive forces within electricity supply will be the best means of fostering improved energy efficiency.

Although no one particular aspect of energy-saving techniques is favoured over another, it is clear that in the coming four years the regulator will be working with the supply industry to encourage the development and introduction of improved metering systems. New advances in metering will mean that customers will have access to instant information about how much electricity they are using, and how much it is costing, so that usage patterns can be adjusted.

Detailed information means that customers can make the best use of fluctuations in tariffs at different times of the day, and this is an area where new regulatory forces are likely to emerge to encourage better metering systems being offered to customers.

Beat the VAT man

You can still pay your fuel bills in advance if you act quickly

Householders have until the end of this month to pay their fuel bills in advance and so escape the VAT imposition of 8 per cent in 1994-5, and 17.5 per cent in 1995-96, *Rodney Hobson writes.*

Estimates of the total advance payments already made vary between £500 million and £1 billion, most of it unsolicited by the gas and electricity suppliers.

Given that the top-rate taxpayers have most to gain — they earn less interest on cash deposits — it is no surprise that thousand of cheques have been received for £1,000 or more.

Southern Electricity in the Home Counties has received 2,000 cheques a day. Manweb, stretching from east Lancashire to North Wales, reports one person paying enough in advance to cover eight years, although the saving so far ahead is not worth the interest lost.

Tadj Oreszczyn, south-east regional director of the Energy Design Advice scheme, says: "It is too early to say how big an impact VAT will have, but the real crunch will come next winter.

"If the weather is mild householders could easily get a reduction in their bills that offsets the VAT. If it is a very severe winter, then all of a sudden there could be a big outcry."

Home is where the heat is — so keep it

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The message comes from the Local Energy Advice Centres, which provide free guidance on energy savings to householders and small businesses.

The centres were launched last October as part of the Government's international commitment to reduce carbon dioxide emissions to 1990 levels by the year 2000.

More than a quarter of all emissions come from domestic energy use, and energy efficiency is seen as one of the most cost-effective ways of cutting carbon dioxide emissions.

The centres were set up by the Energy Saving Trust, an independent organisation established by the Government, British Gas, the 12 regional electricity companies in England and Wales, and the two Scottish electricity suppliers, to promote the efficient use of energy in the domestic and small business sectors.

There are now 29 centres, operating mainly through a telephone hotline, under a three-year pilot scheme. Callers are sent an information pack, details of financial help available, and a list of local contractors able to carry out the improvements recommended.

Calls so far indicate that most homes and businesses have only half the energy-savings measures in place that they should be using. The centres found that only 23 per cent of households and a third of small businesses had taken any measures to improve energy efficiency in the six months prior to the centres starting. Hardly any had contacted existing sources of advice, such as gas or electricity companies.

KEN BRAY



Checking your loft insulation is a simple first step

The trust says that many of the steps that can be taken to save energy cost little or nothing and pay for themselves within a few months.

Switching central heating off for an extra hour a day can save £20-£25 a year. The trust says that background heating is not needed when the house is empty, unless the temperature is down to freezing or the occupants are away for several days. Turning the heating down one degree centigrade can cut 10 per cent of heating bills, although the trust warns against reducing heat when it is really needed.

Heating can be saved on sunny days by opening doors in sunny rooms to allow warm air to circulate throughout the house, and by closing curtains to keep heat from being lost through windows. Curtains should be tucked behind radiators to prevent heat from being lost.

In homes without central heating, heaters should be the right size for the room, and fitted with thermostats so that they can be controlled.

Shelves above radiators will deflect heat towards the middle of the room instead of letting it warm up the wall. A £10 shelf can pay for itself within a year. Heat loss into the wall can also be prevented by sealing the gap between the floorboards and the skirting board.

Fitting aluminium foil behind radiators on outside walls reflects heat back into the room. Specially designed foil is available from do-it-yourself stores, but ordinary foil is adequate.

An effective and easy-to-fit alternative to double glazing is to tape polythene or cling film across the window frames. Finally, defrosting fridges and freezers regularly keeps them running efficiently and reduces running costs.

RODNEY HOBSON

British Gas has its own reasons for encouraging energy efficiency among customers

In control of gas with the E factor

There are some within British Gas who have regarded Ofgas not so much as its watchdog but as a rabid terrier constantly snapping at its heels, *David Young writes.*

However, the relationship has mellowed as the two organisations have developed and worked together, and the benefits for the consumer are becoming plain to see.

Competition has led to more competitive pricing, exactly as Ofgas said it would, and British Gas has worked hard to make sure that the energy efficiency techniques and developments made at its own research centres have been passed on to customers.

The main way in which Ofgas has been able to ensure that energy efficiency is encouraged by the industry is through the pricing formula, which controls the British Gas tariff structure for its customers who use less than 2,500 therms a year. In effect this means domestic customers and small business users. Those who use above that limit are now able to negotiate individual supply contracts for their gas with any supplier.

The formula is now under review by Ofgas, following a report into British Gas by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. However the "E" factor, which allows British Gas to pass on to the consumer the cost of any improvements it makes in energy efficiency, will be retained. The result is that it is financially attractive for British Gas to spend money on meeting an upsurge in demand from one group of customers by developing energy-saving techniques for another, thus reducing or maintaining overall demand rather than simply spending cash on increasing its capacity to meet increased demand.

Ironically such a system has been able to operate because British Gas began operations as a PLC in a monopoly position; it is unlikely that the highly successful E factor system from the gas industry could be imposed on the electricity industry, where there are more complex competitive considerations.

The Ofgas E factor's simplicity has encouraged British Gas to become involved with organisations such as the new Energy Saving Trust, to promote techniques which encourage the efficient use of gas — not necessarily gas supplied by British Gas — for heating. British Gas spending on this alone could run into several million pounds in a full year.

It has also meant that British Gas has been able to maintain its world lead in developing energy-efficient applications for gas in industry which are being increasingly bought overseas.

The E factor means that there is no financial penalty involved for British Gas in making sure that gas is used more efficiently. Research has shown that more efficient use of gas, getting more usable energy out of every unit burnt, pays benefits far outweighing the cost of installing energy-saving equipment in terms of improved comfort levels and overall carbon emissions.

The Ofgas formula has, in part, helped British Gas to maintain its close involvement in energy-efficiency initiatives with charitable organisations, which it started when in the public sector. It seems fair to say that much of the spending would take place even if the E factor had not been introduced.

Among the little-publicised spending by British Gas on energy efficiency is its involvement with Neighbour Energy Action, which has helped to train the long-term unemployed for jobs in the energy-saving industry, and for City and Guilds qualifications in surveying and energy awareness.

Other projects have taken the energy efficiency message into classrooms in inner-city areas, where many domestic properties have lacked energy-saving fittings, and have supported training in energy awareness up to City and Guilds level for people who speak little or no English. In one programme alone which British Gas supported people whose mother tongue is Turkish, Chinese, Urdu and Somali have been helped to gain City and Guilds qualifications in energy awareness with funding which, indirectly, has come from the budget encouraged by the E factor.

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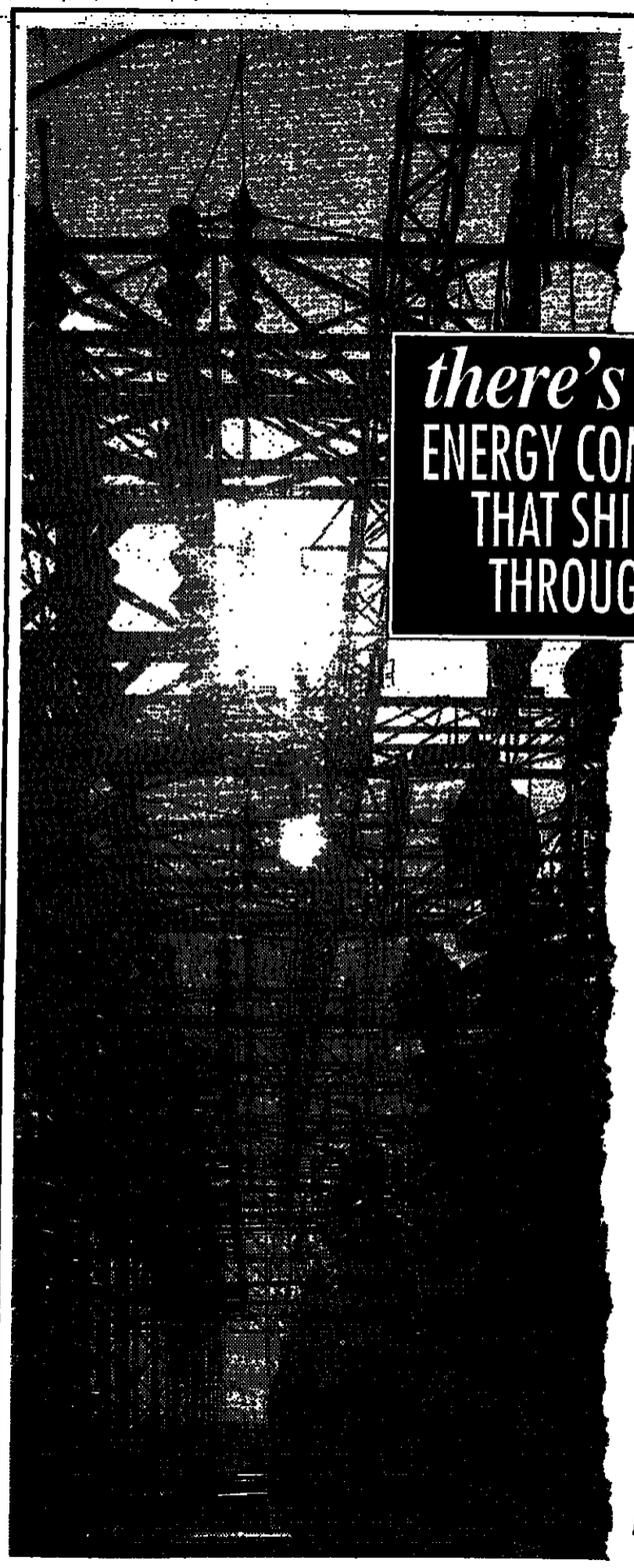
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Putting a pre-prep on the premises

Barbara Rock worked as principal of Highgate Pre-Prep School for two terms without a single pupil. From January until September in 1993, she was in charge of a new project on the campus of Highgate School, just off Hampstead Heath, in North London. Given £800,000 and what had for 72 years been a boys' boarding house, she conceived, planned and realised an independent school for almost 120 children, which opened last term, and is already a conspicuous success.

As boarding declines, Highgate has converted one of its houses into a school for the youngest pupils

As the popularity of boarding at the senior school declined, headmaster Richard Kennedy saw the opportunity to move all boarders into the main School House, so freeing two other buildings. After the first of these became home to part of the Junior School, Mr Kennedy judged that there was strong local demand for a new school for girls and boys aged three to seven.

Even incoming head-teachers are usually presented with an existing structure, which they mould and manipulate over the years, more or less according to their educational beliefs. Few have the chance to choose all their working materials: from staff and pupils to classrooms, equipment, decoration, uniform, books and syllabus. Mrs Rock, who has previously been head of two infant schools in the state sector, was able to plan virtually to a Platonic ideal.

Being in at the start of something, she says, everyone was willing the school to work, and her 12 staff formed a fine team in the rush of Christmas. Bureaucracy was kept to a minimum, but the best kind of record was kept: hundreds of photographs in scrapbooks.

Pictures of the refurbishment show a patched and peeled warren of a boarding house converted by the architects, James Cubitt & Partners, into a welcoming, colourful place. The old Grindal House had been the victim of two ramshackle extensions. A single airy new classroom was previously six study-bedrooms. The crucial decision was to convert a dingy changing-room on the south side into a reception area, so that children would not have to use the entrance on the main road. This led to the building of a new staircase, which winds around a beautiful three-storey glass mosaic of the animal kingdom, designed by the architects. As Mrs Rock points out, "they are all identifiable species," from fishes at the bottom to birds at the top. "Excellent for projects," she says.

Removing the old stairs and a few walls made it possible to give every classroom a south-west view, across the new playground to Highgate's large sports field. Teaching groups are limited to about 16, and the scope for activities is enhanced by dry and wet areas (with a drinking-fountain in each classroom), ample display space and books and a computer in every class.

The architects' thoughtfulness is evident from the dual bannisters and the double windows in every door: one at adult and one at child height. The lighting, too, is deployed to make rooms with higher ceilings less daunting to small children. And children had a say — pupils at the junior school next door were asked for their ideas and comments.

Mrs Rock has fostered a friendly but purposeful ethos, and designed in what parents asked for (they all wanted school uniform). Parents in the area, who are prepared to pay £1,740 a term for their four-year-olds, are a discriminating, demanding clientele. Already Mrs Rock is preparing to see the 100 two and three-year-olds whose names are down for next year's 30 places.

The pre-prep is autonomous, yet part of the Highgate foundation, and thus able to benefit from the extensive sporting facilities, swimming pool and central catering. Most of the boys will be expected to go on to the junior and eventually to the senior school. The advantages are clear, and Mr Kennedy wonders how soon other public schools will see similar opportunities.

But even with two changes of uniform, staff and building, parents of the boys will do well to ponder whether they should really be educated in the same place from three through to 18. Perhaps the traditional move at 11 or 13 makes developmental sense.

JIM McCUE



Happy at Highgate: teaching groups are limited to about 16

Bitter prescription



John Patten, the Education Secretary, believes league tables are the panacea for the poor educational performance of the nation

Public schools stand accused of fiddling league table entries. **Roy Chapman**, Headmasters' Conference chairman, says the tables are, in any case, worthless

Is there not something wrong with the Government's premise in its approach to education when John Patten, the physician to our educational ills, dismisses all arguments against league tables, and debunks, in the process, the efforts of those whom he disparagingly calls the "experts"? What is worse, he claims that the league tables are essential for the educational health of the nation, setting himself up as the purveyor of a wonder drug which he is marketing as a panacea for poor educational performance.

Is the good physician to be taken seriously as a medical expert, either of traditional or alternative medicine, or will his views brand him as a dispenser of quack medicine?

The declared aim of league tables is to encourage openness and accountability and to provide parents with the objective data on which they can make their judgments about schools. These aims are entirely laudable as far as they go. Unfortunately, what were conceived as a means to an end have become ends in themselves.

The dilemma facing school governors, heads and teachers is whether they can afford to continue to provide the sort of education in which they believe or whether they should concentrate on teaching simply for examination results so that league tables can be improved.

It cannot be disputed that league tables provide objective data about results, but spare a thought for the relevant data which is not provided: the base line, i.e. the standard of the entry to the school, the school's policy on whether or not to enter weak candidates, the ethnic mix of the school, the resourcing of the school, and so on. These cannot be dismissed lightly.

In addition, because of the policy for producing statistics on the basis of "age cohorts" rather than "year groups", a school's statistics can be thrown by as much as 10 per cent. This makes statistics meaningless.

Although the league tables provide much objective data, who is the main beneficiary? Schools may provide better statistics, but do better statistics mean better education? And is it not deplorable that pupils in our schools are reduced to statistics? Is the production of grades to be put on a par with the production of cars or artefacts?

The overwhelming majority of teachers want to improve standards, but they also want to educate. League tables may well be here to stay because some politicians and some parents want them, but a recent MORI survey showed that only 15 per cent of parents regard them as significant in determining their choice of school.

The continuing controversy about league tables is due, in part at least, to the unwillingness of the Government to listen to proposals for changes. The current multiplicity of league tables shows that they have little absolute value in their current form. Could we not work together to address their shortcomings so that we can produce something in which educationalists and parents can believe as well as the politicians?

To return to Mr Patten's own metaphor: it provides an analogy which is too close for comfort because hospitals and doctors are also to be judged according to league tables. Will physicians find themselves making decisions on the basis of statistics rather than on the needs of patients? Will a surgeon operate if the chance of success is less than 50 per cent and his record was to show a failure?

If Mr Patten is to be taken seriously, he needs to work in much closer partnership with the other doctors in the field rather than harbouring an exaggerated belief in the current curative properties of his wonder drug. I suspect that Lister and Fleming worked very hard to improve and refine their discoveries before they felt really satisfied. I can only hope that Mr Patten will lay aside premature euphoria and set his team to work on the necessary research and development, not least in the area of developing value-added data, which should include measures of educational achievement other than the narrowly academic.

● *The author is headmaster of Malvern College.*

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The battle of the birds and bees

On the sensitive topic of sex education, more dialogue is needed between parents and teachers, says **Francis Beckett**

Everyone seems to have sex education on the brain. Last Wednesday, Education Secretary John Patten told a *Catholic Herald* conference why he wants less of it, and tomorrow sees the publication of a survey which will show that teenagers want more of it. The survey, from a group of organisations including the Family Planning Association and the National Aids Trust, confirming a trend: young people today want sex education to be comprehensive and explicit.

Mr Patten was speaking to a Catholic audience about his draft guidelines, which are intended to show schools how to operate the sex education provisions of last year's Education Act. This gave parents the right to withdraw children from sex education, and Mr Patten's guidelines say teachers must not ask parents why they wish to withdraw their children. The NSPCC says this will help child-abusing parents to avoid discovery. Anyway, says the National Children's Bureau, if teachers don't know what parents' concerns are, how can they change the lessons to take account of them?

But there is a more fundamental problem than that, according to NCB's Anne Weyman. Mr Patten told his Roman Catholic audience last week that "sex education must deal not only with facts about the mechanics of reproduction... but also with the values that pupils ought to develop if they are to enter adulthood equipped to handle personal relationships responsibly and morally." This is pretty uncontroversial. Mr Patten likes to pretend that trendy sex education teachers disagree, but they do not.

The problem is that while children can be withdrawn from sex education, they cannot be withdrawn from the science part of the national curriculum, which includes the biological aspects of reproduction. So, says Ms Weyman, smartly seizing Mr Patten's home ground, "if children are taken out of sex education classes, they will learn about sexual reproduction in a way that is divorced from loving relationships on any moral context. This is very wrong."

Anyway, teachers are allowed to deal with questions asked in class. What happens when pupils probe the biological aspects of reproduction? Or, come to that, population studies, the wives of Henry VIII, the bastard in *King Lear*, or even (since it was one of Mr Patten's chosen set books) just what it was that Romeo saw in the 14-year-old Juliet? Children excluded from sex education will hear the answer too.

But they will not get classes like the health education programme, including sex education, for 13 and 14-year-olds at Hackney Free and Parochial School in East London run by Katie Ball, which emphasise caring for others. Her course outline starts with the biological facts, then covers "emotional and physical changes: care and protection; discovering your sexuality; responsibility, marriage; types of partnership; rape; sexual abuse; diseases."

She is sure the course is needed, because myths abound. One persistent myth is that you cannot get pregnant the first time. "Most parents are grateful that we do this. If any parents are concerned, we ask them to come and watch the lesson. What is Mr Patten trying to do to us? This back-to-basics stuff isn't real life, not in the east end of London anyway."

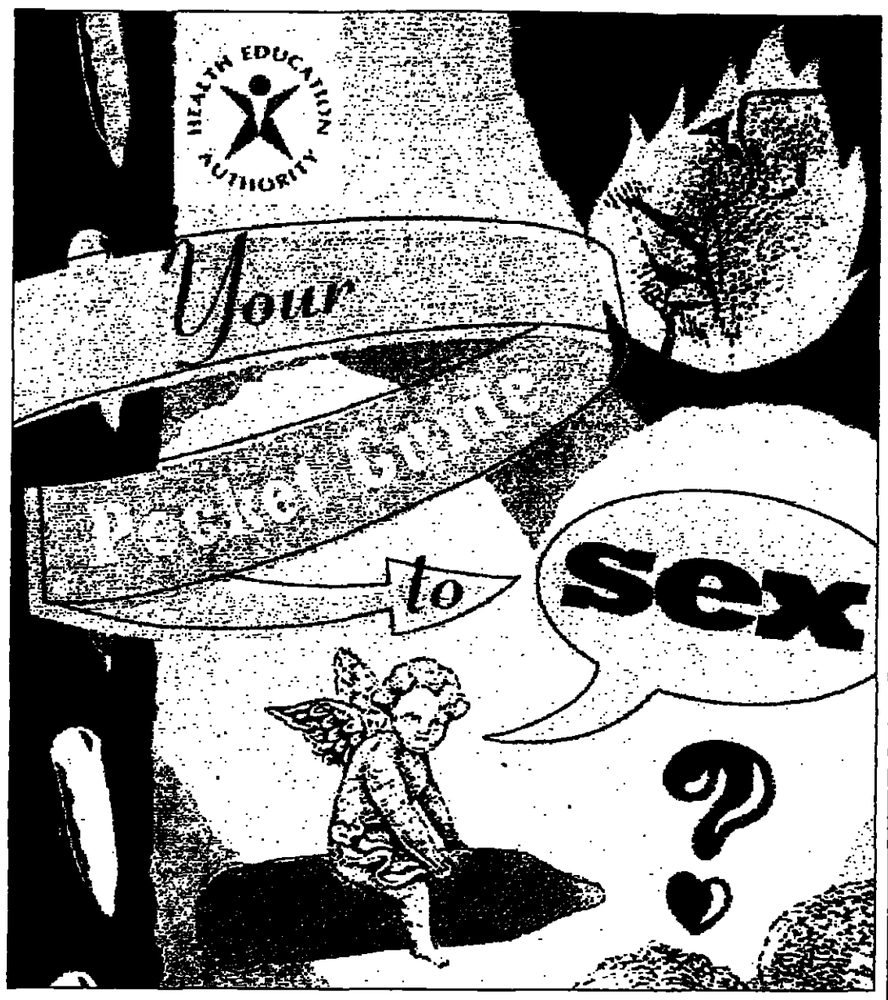
She was shocked by Mr Patten's suggestion that teachers who give contraceptive advice to under-16s could face criminal charges. "I always say to children that I may have to breach confidentiality. But there are some things I can keep confidential. No child is going to talk to us if teachers must always tell the parents. And sometimes, for some children, a teacher is the first port of call."

Unfortunately, Mr Patten is probably wrong, according to a leading QC to whom the National Children's Bureau showed the guidelines.

Last week's speech is the latest salvo in the war between the Jesuit-educated and morally high-profile Mr Patten and Health Secretary Virginia Bottomley, who wants to reduce teenage pregnancies. Ms Ball's lessons are their chosen battleground. The National Aids Trust says that teachers like Ms Ball are a key weapon in the fight to stop Aids spreading.

"Withdrawing children from sex education lessons is a policy of despair," says Ms Weyman. "The UK has the highest rate of teenage pregnancy in western Europe. The Government wants to reduce the pregnancy rate among under 16s by half before the turn of the century. They are not going to do that unless the Department for Education gives more encouragement to sex education in schools. A World Health Organisation study of 19 countries showed that sex education tends to delay the age of people's first sexual experience."

But even if Mr Patten listens to the voices of the children's charities and the Aids charities, the right to withdraw children will remain, and some parents will use it.



Your Pocket Guide to Sex, which was withdrawn after protests that it is too explicit and "smutty"

HAGLEY SCHOOL MEMORIAL PROM

A special Schools Prom in memory of the 12 children and their teacher who died in the M40 minibus crash last November is being held on April 22. *The Times* is among the sponsors of the event at the Royal Albert Hall in London to raise money for Hagley School, Hereford and Worcester. The school wants to build a new music centre and sports hall as a lasting tribute to the victims.

Pupils from Hagley will attend the concert in the presence of Prince Edward. Among the stars performing will be Peter Skellern, John Dankworth and Antony Hopkins. *Times* readers can buy £20 seats in the stalls for £15. Phone the box office, quoting the offer, on 071-589 8212.

French lessons in urban decay

De Geyter school in Paris shows that classroom blight is not confined to Britain

The scene is every parent's nightmare: a bleak, vandalised comprehensive school, where the teachers have lost control. One of the staff has just been attacked with a tear-gas bomb, and his colleagues are engaged in a shouting match with the head, who plainly intends to do nothing.

Could this be *Grange Hill* trying to pep up its ratings, or yet another documentary on the urban wilderness in south London, Moss Side or even the Bronx? Not this time. The setting is Paris, and a less than flattering example of an education system often held up as an example to British schools.

Channel 4's cameras have captured a year in the life of De Geyter school, which the station claims to be one of Europe's toughest. Few would argue on the basis of Wednesday evening's *Dispatches* programme.

De Geyter serves the suburb of St Denis, an area of high unemployment and low expectations. Most of the 800 pupils, aged between 11 and 14, are the children of recent immigrants. Bullying and extortion is rife, not helped by the presence of pupils of up to 17 held back from transferring to senior schools.

Only a handful of experienced teachers, who somehow command the respect of their pupils, make any progress. One of the most successful, a native of St Denis, says: "It's no use trying to make people work who don't want to study and who can't. Some people are ugly and not clever."

The principal appears the most resigned of all, authoritarian, distant and ineffective. Faced with the prospect of a teachers' strike, the French system adopts the classic bureaucratic solution: the principal is promoted and replaced.

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Yet the film is too short to assess show much of a transformation has taken place. The final credits disclose that four of the six teachers featured have left the school.

Amid the gloom, there are pockets of hope, such as the enthusiasm of a group of pupils recording an opera, or the high marks of a young girl who has to look after her family before doing her homework each night. But the overriding impression is of hard-pressed teachers trying to keep the lid on a powderkeg.

British schools will hardly want to measure themselves against De Geyter. But the programme offers a timely reminder that the problems of urban schools are not unique to these shores.

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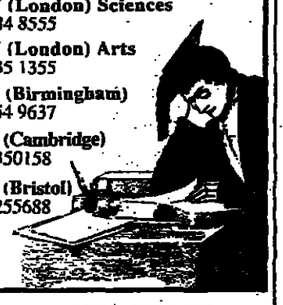
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A director for all seasons is back

Bill Bryden, whose new production, *A Month in the Country*, opens tomorrow, is relishing his return to the theatre. Andy Lavender reports

If ever you need to hire a reputable theatre director, you might contact Bill Bryden, who worked at the Royal Court in the 1960s, ran Edinburgh's Royal Lyceum Theatre and then the National's Cottesloe in the 1970s, and whose career as a director for all seasons includes the monumental show *The Ship*, at Glasgow's Tramway in 1990.

Perhaps you are looking instead for an opera producer. There is always Bill Bryden, who has directed productions at the Royal Opera House and worked with the likes of Bernard Haitink, Leonard Bernstein and Simon Rattle.

If, on the other hand, you are after a television drama executive, try a certain Bill Bryden, who from 1985 until last Christmas was head of drama at BBC Scotland; who devised and produced the hit series *Tutti Frutti*, starring Robbie Coltrane; and whose many directing credits include a striking black-and-white production for BBC2's *Performance* strand of Pirandello's play *Six Characters in Search of an Author*.

But you are searching not for some maverick flitting from one art form to another. You want an esteemed bastion of the arts establishment. You are directed to William Bryden, CBE and holder of three honorary degrees.

Bryden's latest project is a production of Turgenev's play *A Month in the Country*, which opens tomorrow in the West End, starring Helen Mirren and John Hurt. It is obvious when we meet that Bryden is wearing his theatre hat: a black fedora, to be precise, along with black poloneck sweater, long scarf and handkerchief peeking out of his jacket pocket just so. If you had to draw a caricature of a West End theatre director, you could make no improvement. The caricature, however, would hide the seriousness of Bryden's commitment. He is relishing his return to theatre directing. "I'm glad to be back at the tools and not driving a desk," he admits.

The current project came about after working with John Hurt on the television version of *Six Characters*. "We realised we could have done this in the theatre as well as on the television," Bryden explains. "John hadn't been on the stage for a while and I'd been in television for a bit, so we decided that we would try to find a project. I thought he'd be wonderful as Rakitin in *A Month in the Country* — which he is. But the problem with the play is that you have to have a magic actress to play the central character, Natalya Petrovna. It luckily turned out that Helen became available."

> "I'm glad to be back at the tools and not driving a desk"

Lucky indeed. After her performance as DCI Jane Tennison in the three *Prime Suspect* dramas to date, Mirren has established herself as one of the pre-eminent British performers of her generation, and the character of Natalya Petrovna represents a substantial challenge: a volatile, intelligent married woman, who has a platonic relationship with a male contemporary (played by Hurt), but who is startled out of her lassitude when she suddenly falls for a younger man (played by Joseph Fiennes).

"Here is a woman who claims to be 'in love' for the first time," says Bryden. "I believe that she is experiencing completely new juices, and it's shocking to her, and some of the surprising comedy in the play comes from that. And it's happening to a mother, to a wife."

Bryden is full of praise for Helen Mirren's performance. "You have to have somebody who has consummate theatre skills, vocally and physically, and a leading actor's personality to play these female roles. Helen hadn't done the great Russian women apart from Nina in Chekhov's *The Seagull* a few years ago, which is nonsensical because she is the best at this moment in that area. In this particular production I think she's hit it right on the button."

Certainly the play's currents of illicit desire and swings of emotion ensure its continued theatrical power. Its past life, too, is not without interest. Turgenev is better known as a novelist, and *A Month in the Country* had to wait until 1909 for its most celebrated production, staged by the Moscow Art Theatre with Chekhov's widow as Natalya Petrovna and Stanislavsky himself as Rakitin. Although written 40 years earlier, the play's resonances with the Chekhovian theatre pioneered by the MAT are fascinating. These reside not just in its setting (various Russian aristocrats having tea and trauma in the countryside), but in its shifts of tone and its exploration of sensibility. Where Chekhov is fine and ironic, however, Turgenev is more muscular and decisive.

"In a funny way I think Turgenev is more *theatrical*," says Bryden. "But the craft of the modern play is all there in Chekhov. In any case you know that he was very familiar with this. The translators say that the greatest writer of the Russian language is Pushkin, and the second greatest is Turgenev, so the Russian language in the play is rather original."

For all that he is enjoying such close engagement with play and playwright, Bryden has not entirely left the world of television drama. He has two projects to finish for BBC Scotland as executive producer, and he is hoping to direct a TV adaptation for the BBC of the Glasgow novel *Swing Hammer Swing*. But he intends to direct another theatre production before the year is out and an enticing summer awaits in 1995.

Bryden is on the board of directors of the Globe Theatre, now being built on the site of the original Globe where Shakespeare worked. The project was initiated by Sam Wanamaker, who died recently. Apparently his wishes were that Bryden should oversee the opening season, and the latter is enthused by this temporary artistic directorship. Declan Donnellan — perhaps the most exciting contemporary British director of Shakespeare — is pencilled in for the production, along with David Jones and possibly Deborah Warner. Bryden plans to kick off the season with *Henry V*, possibly starring Mark Rylance.

"The big decision will be which actor plays the Chorus who opens the play — and the new theatre — with 'O for a Muse of fire . . .' There will be a queue for that." Clearly Bryden will be hanging on to his theatre hat for a while.

● *A Month in the Country opens tomorrow at the Albery Theatre, St Martin's Lane (071-867 1115)*

JULIAN HERBERT



Bill Bryden wearing his theatre hat: from stage director to opera producer to TV executive

LONDON CONCERTS: An enterprising evening with the RPO and a return visit from the Vienna Philharmonic; plus, below, Radu Lupu at the piano

Haunted by a young ghost

MICHAEL POWELL



Sir Peter Maxwell Davies: an urge to express and explore

LOOKING back on a piece 30 years old, Sir Peter Maxwell Davies confessed before conducting the **Royal Philharmonic Orchestra** in his Second Fantasia on John Taverner's In Nomine, was rather like seeing a ghost of his younger self. Yet in this difficult, ambitious piece, first heard in 1965, the young man and the older man (Davies reaches 60 later this year) are perhaps not so different. There is the same palpable urge to express and explore in music of potent restlessness and ever-changing perspective.

The Second Fantasia includes much slow, quiet, spare music — hence the concentration it still demands after all this time. In the long and intense final Adagio the mood is introspective and searching, utterly Mahlerian in its otherworldly expressivity. Players are only just learning to accommodate this late romantic trait in Davies's music. The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, though sympathetic to the shape of the line, might profitably have added a touch more richness to their string sound, while Davies could have substituted for his own customary bright-eyed efficiency a measure of Bernstein-like indulgence. Nevertheless, this was generally a strong and confident account, the spectral and assertive aspects of the stream of shorter central sections and the investigatory momentum of the first section all played with innate understanding.

In the case of the Fourth Strathclyde Concerto for clarinet (1990) the music is more distilled, the search a more specific one attained finally with the revelation of an old Scottish folk tune at the end of that piece. In what is a severe test for the soloist Dimitri Ashkenazy excelled, not least at refusing the temptation to play the super-hero. For here, as in its fellow pieces, the emphasis is as much on collaboration as on anything else. What is really gratifying, however, is that Davies's language is no longer the point. We can see through to what he expresses without worrying too much about the eloquent way he expresses it.

It was a bit predictable, perhaps, to round off such a concert with the now ubiquitous *Orkney Wedding, with Sunrise*, though George MacIlwham's dramatic entry and procession through the Festival Hall auditorium, playing bagpipes in full Highland dress, is still a thoroughly winning act.

LONDON'S financially struggling orchestras must hate seeing posters advertising the now regular visits of the **Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra** to the South Bank — especially when, as happened the day after the RPO's enterprising evening of Maxwell Davies, the illustrious and handsomely subsidised Austrians deliver a programme in which their musical talents are largely wasted.

The *Sinfonia Domestica*, Richard Strauss's 1903 tale of a happy family, magnifies unremarkable incidents to such a degree that the tiff between the man and his helpmate sounds more like the outbreak of World War Three. The piece cannot fail to impress at a certain level through its weight and size and sheer facility. Zubin Mehta was happy enough to barge his way boisterously through it. No sense in trying to create subtlety where there is none.

Naturally the VPO relished the technical challenge, and at least we could marvel at the sound. Almost shockingly rich, solid and sweet strings, utterly sure in intonation, were complemented by gorgeously mellow brass and characterful woodwind, with particularly sinewy oboes and cor anglais. Even the orchestra's insistence on a relatively tiny pair of cymbals rather than the giants favoured by most orchestras nowadays proved significant in the context of the overall sound. No intrusive, unpitched splashes obscured the pitched notes, which is important in music as texturally complex as this.

The evening began on an equally vulgar note with Wagner's Overture to his early opera, *Rienzi*. But this piece fits more closely the aesthetic ethos of its own time (1840) and place far more closely than Strauss's does, and it is inventive yet concise. Moreover, the scoring yielded some unexpected delights; the German-style wide-bore trumpets sounded almost like creamy clarinets when playing, exposed, at the bottom of their register. Schubert's Sixth Symphony, which followed the Wagner, demanded more from conductor and orchestra. Neither succeeded in summoning quite sufficient lightness, charm and transparency of texture, which was unsurprising given the rather strange context in which the work was performed.

STEPHEN PETTITT

Quiet master in total control

LSO/Davis
Barbican

LEANING far back in his chair, arms folded, Radu Lupu always looks as if the very last thing he ever wants or intends to do is start playing the piano. In fact, it was not until the last movement of Mozart's A major Piano Concerto K488, when the piano is the prime mover, that Lupu really seemed to be as happy playing as listening.

Yet this sense of making only a reluctant contribution to the proceedings is dangerously deceptive. Lupu knows exactly what he is going to do and when. Already in the orchestral introduction, Sir Colin Davis had pulled back the London Symphony Orchestra to anticipate Lupu's own restrained entry to his second main theme, one which emphasised its dying falls only to build up the recovering sequences with renewed energy.

As ever, Lupu's control of the quietest playing that has possibly ever been heard in a live performance of this concerto was total in the slow movement. Notes seemed to drop out of the air and into place, all in finely sustained half-tones, imperceptibly phrased into life. Davis and the LSO were patient, astute partners in this most subtly individual music-making.

After the concerto, Davis made a return visit to Sibelius, in a performance of his Second Symphony, if anything still more deep-hewn and more searching than that of his renowned Barbican series. Only the second movement is specifically marked *rubato*, yet Davis gives the music a mandate to rob time and pay it back just whenever it needs to do so. So much space and breath is created in his Sibelius that the most insistent of rhythms is never merely driven but generated and impelled from deep within the work's structure. Dynamic space, too, is pushed far open with wide distances for the resonance of every crescendo, the elucidation of every texture.

Cunningly, something of those same, deep-stirring elemental forces was programmed into the start of the concert in Francis Burt's *Morgana*. This short work from 1985, with its uninterrupted succession of five atmospheric scenes, uses tremolando, slowly resolving canons and dissolving textures to evoke the miracles of the legendary fata morgana conjured from her crystal palace in the depths of the sea.

HILARY FINCH

Spotlight on the readers' choice

The Times Readers' Accolade gives you the opportunity to vote for the West End performer who has brought you greatest pleasure in the past year. Here, two distinguished theatregoers, Lord Healey and Angela Rippon, reveal their choices

LISTED here are 20 actors who have given superlative performances in the West End during the past year. Next to their names is a two-digit number. To register a vote for the individual whose performance has brought you the most pleasure, dial **0891 700 5, followed by the number next to their name.**

Make sure that you stay on the line after your vote has been registered, and leave your name, address with postcode, and (if possible) daytime telephone number. You will then be entered automatically into a prize draw. Winners will be notified, and their names will be published in *The Times* on April 18.

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GERALDINE JAMES, *Lysistrata* 16
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LORD HEALEY



"I WOULD choose Diana Rigg in *Medea*. She was very good indeed. *Medea* is a wonderful play. It was the first great feminist play ever; and Euripides was the first modern playwright. What did I admire about her performance? I think she represented very well both the ferocity of a foreigner who is spurned by her husband when he takes her home from a barbarian country, which is what they called it, and also the love for her children and the frustrated love which the play is about. She was very, very moving.

"Yet although she got very justifiable praise, all the actors were very good indeed and the production [for the Almeida Theatre, directed by Jonathan Kent] was the best I've ever seen of a classical drama. It was quite brilliant, with quite a good translation [by Alistair Elliot]; the chorus added so much to the play. Bits of it were searing."

ANGELA RIPPON



"FIONA Shaw in *Machinal* [at the National Theatre] gave a stunning performance, full of great emotion and depth. It was also very beautifully paced.

"And David Suchet. He was brilliant in *Oleanna*. That was a performance that was so convincing. You watched his character develop from this sort of kindly, very laid-back professor who wasn't terribly aware of what he was saying to her, to going through all of these quite extraordinary emotions — disbelief, anger — to trying to placate her, to going right over the top. And I wanted to cheer when he did. It was a very good, very raw, emotional performance. It was so incredibly well-balanced; you saw all his emotions develop throughout the play. What you saw when the curtain went up was not what you saw when the curtain went down. And that is what you want in a performer."

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

BIRMINGHAM ROYAL BALLET. Delibes's wonderful music for *Sylvia* opens a two-week season by this lively company. David Bintley's new production and Sue Blane's designs are provocatively amusing. Another programme includes Balanchine's *Serenade*, MacMillan's ragtime romp *Elite Syncopations* and the first performance by any British company of *Agnes de Mille's Fall River Legend*.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-240 1066/1911). Tonight, *Sylvia*, 7.30pm. Check box office for programme schedules; until April 8.

CANTERBURY TALES: Brian Glover, leading an ensemble as Chaucer's Miller, arrives for a week of raucous, modern vaudeville style storytelling.
Richmond, The Green, Richmond, TW9(081-940 0088). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm.

JOHN & ALEC DANKWORTH: A welcome return for the big band's annual Soho residency. In days gone by Cleo Laine used to make an appearance; more recently Dankworth has started up this formal partnership with his bass-playing son, in a line-up which blends older hands with eager young talent.
Ronnie Scott's, Frith Street, W1 (071-439 0747). Tonight-Sat, from 8.30pm.

THE YEAR OF THE FAMILY: Another sadistic youth in the latest play from Anthony Neilson, author of *Penetrator*. Two half-sisters have trouble with their past.
Finborough, 118 Finborough Road, SW10 (071-373 3842). Previews tonight, 8pm. Opens tomorrow, then Mon-Sat, 8pm. Until April 16.

ELSEWHERE

BUXTON: London City Ballet closes its spring tour this week with the celebrated *Coppélia*. The company's much-acclaimed revival to Delibes' score has choreography adapted from St Leon's original production with additional material from Harold King and designs by Peter Farmer.
Opera House, Water Street (0298 72190). Tonight-Thurs, 7.30pm; mat Thurs, 2.30pm.

BRIGHTON. Michael Palin's first full-length stage work, **The Weekend**, makes its second stop on its way to the West End in May. Richard Wilson and Angela Thorne star; Robert Lefevre directs.
Theatre Royal, New Road (0273 328488). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm.

HULL: The Moscow State Symphony Orchestra enters the last week of its UK tour with a performance this evening of Mendelssohn's Symphony No 4 (*Italian*) and Mahler's Symphony No 5. Pavel Kogan conducts.
City Hall, Victoria Square (0482 226655). And tomorrow in **Cardiff**, St David's Hall, The Hayes (0222 371236); Wed in **Derby**, Assembly Rooms, Market Place (0332 255800). All performances at 7.30pm.

BATH: Patrick Hamilton's classic thriller **Rope** tours for one more week before opening at Wyndham's in London on April 11. Anthony Head plays Rupert Cadell; Keith Baxter directs.
Theatre Royal, Sawclose, Bath (0225 448844). Tonight-Wed, 7.30pm; Thurs-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: All Human Life: Hulton Deutsch Collection (071-638 4141) **British Museum:** Delbes and Devotions: Hindu Art; Victorian Illustrated Books (071-636 1555) ... **Festival Hall:** The Thirties, Anxiety and Escapism (071-928 3002) ... **Hayward:** Salvador Dali/Unbound (071-928 3144) ... **Kenwood House:** Caro's Trojan Wars (081-348 1286) ... **National Portrait Gallery:** Holbein and the Court of Henry VIII (071-306 0055) ... **National Gallery:** Claude, the Poetic Landscape (071-839 3321) ... **Royal Academy of Arts:** Goya; The Unknown Modigliani (071-439 7438) ... **Tate:** Picasso; Writing on the Wall, women artists (071-887 8008) ... **Victoria & Albert:** Fabergé (071-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
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◪ **THE BIRTHDAY PARTY:** Anton Lesser is cosseted by Dora Bryan in a strongly cast revival of Pinter's first full-length play. Sam Mendes directs.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Wed, 7.30pm; mat Tue, 2.15pm.

☐ **THE CASE OF REBELLIOUS SUSAN.** Excellent revival of Henry Arthur Jones's daring comedy of 1894 in which a wife is prepared to commit adultery because her husband does.
Orange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond (081-940 3633). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Sat, 4pm and March 31, April 7 at 2.30pm. Until April 23.

◪ ***THE CHEATING HEARTS:*** *Sylvia and Harlequin are seduced from happy innocence by the wiles of a ruthless Court.* Laurence Boswell directs Marivaux's *La Double Inconstance*.
Gate, Pembridge Road, W11 (071-229 0706). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm. Until April 16.

☐ **DEMOCRACY.** Whitman and Emerson spout lots of words about the subject. Heavy going but a lovely woodland setting.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). Mon-Sat, 8pm.

☐ ***THE EAGLE HAS TWO HEADS*** Susannah York directs Lisa Harrow and Stash Kirkbridge as Queen and assassin in Cocteau's antiquated romantic drama.
Lilian Baylis, Sadlers Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-837 4104). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 3.30pm. Until Apr 2.

◪ **FASCINATING AIDA:** The clever girls are back with a load of new targets waiting for the satirical FA treatment.
Lyric, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (081-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mat April 9, 5pm. Until April 9.

☐ **THE GHOST OF JOHN BELUSHI FLUSHED MY TOILET:** Nick Revell returns for one week only with his droll and popular monologue.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Tonight-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm.

☐ **HOT SHOE SHUFFLE:** Hit Australian musical about seven tap dancing brothers and their tangle footed sister. Exuberantly done and very slick, with lots of Big Band music.
Queens, Shaftsbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5040). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

◪ ***JANE EYRE:*** *Alexandra Mathie and Tim Pigott-Smith do their best in Fay Weldon's puzzling version of the well-known melodrama.*
Playhouse, Northumberland Ave, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs and Sat 3pm.

☐ **JOHNNY ON A SPOT:** Farcical satire about whitewashing a US politician. Charles MacArthur's 1942 play sounds timely.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Now previewing, 7.15pm. Opens Thurs, 7pm.

■ **THE KITCHEN:** Stephen Daldry's in-the-round Wesker: a kitchen on scaffolding in between the stalls and the stage at Dress Circle level, with 30 chefs rushing manically about. Terrific.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 3.30pm. Final week.

■ **A MONTH IN THE COUNTRY:** Helen Mirren and John Hurt head a great cast for Turgenev's classic of love, jealousy and self-deception.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Now previewing, 7.30pm. Opens tomorrow, 7pm.

☐ **THE OLD LADIES:** Faith Brook, Doreen Mantle and Miriam Karlin in a black version of Rodney Ackland's thriller.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm. Until April 2.

☐ ***SEPTEMBER TIDE:*** *Daphne du Maurier's drama of inappropriate passion stars Susannah York as the decent woman in love with her son-in-law (Michael Praed).*
Comedy, Panton St, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed 3pm and Sat 4pm.

☐ **TRAVESTIES:** After its sell-out season at the Barbican, Stoppard's dazzler transfers. Antony Sher as the Consul playing fast and loose with memory.
Savoy, Strand, WC2 (071-836 8888). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm.

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **An Absolute Turkey:** Globe (071-494 5065) ... **April in Paris:** Ambassadors (071-836 6111) ... ◪ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (071-867 1044) ... ◪ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ☐ **Carousel:** Shaftesbury (071-379 5399) ... ■ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072) ☐ ***Crazy for You:*** *Prince Edward* (071-734 8951) ... ◪ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) ... ☐ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ■ **Grease:** Dominion (071-416 6060) ... ◪ **An Inspector Calls:** Aldwych (071-836 6404) ... ☐ **Me and Mamie O'Rourke:** Strand, until April 9 (071-930 8800) ... ◪ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909) ◪ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal (071-494 5400) ... ◪ ***The Mousetrap:*** St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ☐ **Oleanna:** Duke of York's (071-836 5122) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ☐ **Piaf:** Piccadilly (071-867 1118) ... ■ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... ◪ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **THE ARISTOCATS** (U): Avaricious butler threatens feline Parisians. *Pleasant but less than classic Disney cartoon from 1970.* Director, Wolfgang Reitherman.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Mezzanine** (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ **BEETHOVEN'S 2ND** (U): Overly bland family fun with six St. Bernard dogs. Rod Daniel directs Charles Grodin, Bonnie Hunt, and an army of *four-legged friends*.
MGMs: Baker Street (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

DAENS (15): Worthy Belgian epic about an embattled priest championing the poor in the 1890s. Strong performance by Jan Decleir. Director, Stijn Coninx.
MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527)

◆ **SISTER ACT 2: BACK IN THE HABIT** (PG): Whoopi Goldberg returns to the wimple. Unwise, dawdling, preachy sequel to a one-off hit.
MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

John Turteltaub directs John Candy, Leon and Doug E. Doug.
MGMs: Oxford Street (071-630 0310) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ **THE HOUSE OF THE SPIRITS** (15): Highbrow soap opera from Isabelle Allende's epic novel about a Latin-American family's power and passions. With Jeremy Irons, Glenn Close, Meryl Streep. Director, Bille August.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **Empire** (0800-888 911) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

THE MUSIC OF CHANCE (15): Intriguing if unsatisfactory film from Paul Auster's novel about chance and destiny. James Spader and Mandy Patinkin head a choice cast.
Metro (071-437 0757) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527)

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THEATRE: **Kate Bassett** sees a staging of George Eliot's novel that is better than the original

All human life is here

The Mill on the Floss
Wolsey Theatre, Ipswich

Shared Experience, and their adapter Helen Edmundson, have already coped superbly with Tolstoy's *Anna Karenina*, but George Eliot's novel should have been hard to stage. Maggie Tulliver matures from infancy to adulthood. The climactic finale has her and Tom, her brother, drowning in a flood. But this intensely moving dramatisation of *The Mill on the Floss* is fecundly inventive yet simple, stylised but free of empty theatrics. I found it more compelling and fully human than the original.

The flood is captured in a whirl of chairs, seemingly adrift on a turbulent surface, held aloft by the actors who *spin slowly, like sinking bodies.* The ending, accused by Eliot's critics of being tacked on, is integrated here. The Tullivers' family home predicts its inhabitants' fate from the start. Bunny Christie's set — a wooden deck resembling a narrow loft on poles — is a barn on its way to being a boat. Articles of *furniture slope like capsizing ships,* also reflecting Maggie's mental instability, a trait in the foreground of this production.

Edmundson's piece starts with the ducking of a witch. It finishes with Maggie likewise hanging from her ankles, the floating corpse of a woman who displeased society with her cleverness and sexual faux pas.

There are three Maggies in this production: the child (fierce, sensitive Shirley Henderson), passionate for affection and learning; a morally austere adolescent (Buddug Morgan) trying to shut down those urges, having had them spurned; and the adult woman (the excellent Helen Schlesinger) who, breaking free of domestic subservience, is rediscovering the child in her, yet is still ruled by a sense of rectitude.

Changing the actresses pinpoints Maggie's formative experiences, but the full result is far more psychologically illuminating and poignantly true about women's lives than that. Morgan, an inner puritanical good angel, closes the piano lid when Schlesinger starts to play. Henderson, the little devil in Maggie, rushes ecstatically round Schlesinger when Stephen (Simon Robson) begins to seduce her, or runs and kisses Phillip (Michael Matus) when Morgan yearns to do so. Henderson takes over interactions where Maggie behaves in the spirit of her younger self. She also realises memories and fantasies going on inside the older Maggies' heads.

At each point of grief — the *punctuation marks in Maggie's life* — Henderson, up in the attic, undergoes a choreographed fit: Liz Ranken's disturbing sequence of movements looks like a martial art Maggie inflicts on herself.

Nancy Meckler and Polly Teale co-direct with flair and scrupulous attention to detail. *The ominous, disturbed* score and subtle lighting contribute invaluably to Shared Experience's emotive strength and narrative clarity. The cast is not faultless, but make a terrific ensemble. Matus's Phillip is riveting, flinchingly shy yet determined, and Robson is outstanding, converting from a farcical ninny of an academic to a Stephen all bouncy flounce, sexual charge and exquisitely depicted ardour.



Three into one will go — (from top), Helen Schlesinger, Buddug Morgan and Shirley Henderson all play Maggie Tulliver in *The Mill on the Floss*

DONALD COOPER



(From left) Issy van Randwyck, Adèle Anderson and Dillie Keane are back, as saucily acute as ever

Sugar, spice and all things vice

Fascinating Aïda
Lyric, Hammersmith

FIVE years ago the girls went their separate ways after a farewell season at this same theatre. *A Farewell to Sequins* they called it, but the withdrawal symptoms have evidently proved too strong to keep them apart. *The line-up for Fascinating Aïda Mark* IV or V consists of Dillie Keane, of course, co-founder of the troupe (so the programme tells us) back in 1602, together again with Adèle Anderson, tall and dark, and a newcomer, introduced by Dillie as "another natural blonde," the deceptively demure Issy van Randwyck.

On a stage sumptuously backed by crimson drapes and guttering candles the trio first appear, without sequins, in red velvet tailcoats that appear to have shrunk in the wash.

As before, the subjects covered include: what fun it is to be a woman and yet how sad, sometimes, heigh-ho. The "heigh-ho" material is witty and tart, but the sad songs can touch a different level of experience altogether.

In "Haunted", Van Randwyck paces *the anguish along the four lines of each* verse to arrive at a heart-stirring climax every time. And when Keane, hunched at the piano, sings "The Blues Got A Skeleton Key", she backs up the melancholy words with a menacing accompaniment from the bass end of the keyboard.

A typical song will have a dainty little waltz tune, of the sort that normally conveys pure and good emotions, then the words tip you into another world entirely. "Kiss And Tell" is one of these, exposing the antics of treacherous harlots, where the sweet melody highlights the sleaze. "New Man" contains a very neat couplet: "New man wants to use a/New Pan by Le Creuset".

Anderson is as funny as before, parodying Lotte Lenya and Marlene, whose names have the good fortune to rhyme, trailing a cabaret chair around the stage and intermittently slumping across it to wail: "Johneee!" Van Randwyck can be a chipper little cockney or a cut-glass Sloane, and Keane moves easily between the drunk, the daft and the seared with doubt. Although she shakes her head at the phenomenon of Baroness Thatcher I have to say that she is beginning to look like Mrs T in her younger, milk-snatcher days. When she wraps a shawl around her head for the "Mamushka" sketch — a poor one, incidentally — that sharp nose and baleful eye look horridly familiar....

The sketches lack bite and are clearly not the way to vary the show's content. Perhaps Nica Burns, the director, could encourage personal confessions from the other two as well as from Keane, to spread the focus a bit.

JEREMY KINGSTON

MUSIC THEATRE

Weill bodies just stiffs

Johnny Johnson
Rudolf Steiner Theatre

THE first music-theatre piece Kurt Weill completed for Broadway, *Johnny Johnson* (1936) was a militantly pacifist satire not dissimilar to *Oh What a Lovely War!* Conceived collectively at the left-wing Group Theatre's summer camp, it was hardly natural fodder for *the Great White Way*, and ran for only 68 performances.

It has been successfully revived in post-Vietnam America, and was given its UK premiere (with Paul Green's "book" drastically cut) by "Not the RSC" in 1986. Thursday's staging by A Moveable Feast — the music-theatre wing of Trinity College of Music — was thus claimed as a British premiere, although the text was scarcely less drastically, not to say incoherently, cut.

It is a fascinating work in its fusion of the German and the emergent American Weill. Perhaps most fascinating is the fact that Weill should have collaborated on so uncompromising an anti-war tract. He knew as well as anyone what was going on in Europe, and that war might be necessary to defeat the monstrous tyranny that had driven him into exile.

Thursday's performance was, frankly, so dreadful that it raised the awkward question of whether, rather than give so inadequate a reading, it would have been better not to do it at all. *No blame attaches to the students,* who did their best in impossible circumstances, although one or two should even now be considering careers in different disciplines.

Rhonda Kess's limp, slack-rhythmed conducting was not the happiest of bases from which to start, but worse was to come: Kess was also credited as director. There is more to performing on stage than doing funny voices and silly walks. Enunciation of words, for instance, is quite important: here, precious few of the spoken lines got across, let alone the sung lyrics. The performers simply weren't *thinking* about what they were saying. Narrative values were submerged in embarrassing hiatuses while non-sets were non-changed, or completely incomprehensible scenes were played inaudibly behind an upstage gauze.

In short, this was an evening innocent of basic theatrical skills, and one that did notable disservice to a great composer.

RODNEY MILNES

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Gerald Kaufman agrees with an obituary for the special relationship: the affair is now over



Anglo-American body language: Churchill hands a letter from George VI to Roosevelt as lend-lease is agreed; Macmillan amuses Kennedy; Reagan pays heed to Mrs Thatcher; Major and Clinton smile — for the cameras only

Are old lovers soundest?

It was just one of those things.
Just one of those crazy flings.
One of those bells that now and then rings,
Just one of those things.

In many liaisons, one of the participants is the ardent lover while the other acquiesces in being loved. The dominant partner will, from time to time, utter dutiful words of affection and even bestow small kindnesses. Yet the more besotted of the two is always anxiously on the lookout for signs of neglect and possible desertion in favour of a more seductive rival.

Presidents of the United States have, over the decades, been profuse in their acknowledgement of a "Special Relationship" with the United Kingdom. John F. Kennedy wrote to Harold Macmillan in 1963: "We have never had a failure of understanding or of mutual trust." Lyndon Johnson lavished praise on the "gallant, hardy leadership" of Harold Wilson, landing him as "a man of mettle". Richard Nixon affirmed the special relationship to Edward Heath. Ronald Reagan pronounced Margaret Thatcher and himself "soulmates". Even Bill Clinton, possibly through gritted teeth, has assured John Major that "the relationship is special to me personally and will be special to the United States as long as I am serving here".

Yet, today, the US and the UK are less the Darby and Joan of the Western world than a time-weathered couple who have sometimes only just managed to remain on speaking terms. In any case, it is the Americans who have, throughout, laid down those terms.

When the US entered the war on December 7, 1941, Churchill, acknowledging that so far all the wooing had had to come from him, is reported to have said, with a "wicked leer": "Now that she is in the harem, we talk to her quite differently." Yet the US became a combatant only because Japan attacked it and, in such arguments over strategy as whether the Allied forces should make a swift move through the Adriatic to Austria (Churchill's preference) or invade southern France (the Americans' choice), it was Roosevelt's will that prevailed.

Lovers customarily exchange gifts as tokens of mutual regard. With rare exceptions (such as the accelerated sale of weaponry to the UK during the Falklands War), it is Britain, the less affluent partner, which has loaded the Americans with expensive trinkets: 99-year leases on eight Atlantic and Caribbean bases, in exchange for 50 clapped-out destroyers; air-bases on UK soil throughout the Cold War; early access to advanced British nuclear technology (in recompense for which the Americans passed the McMahon Act, excluding the UK from "restricted" US nuclear data); use of British bases for the bombing of Libya in 1986.

The Americans did not so much as consult Britain about their decision to bomb Libya; and, indeed, on key foreign policy issues, the US has generally done exactly what suited it, regardless of British interests. Even though Margaret Thatcher delivered a scorching tirade to Reagan over his invasion of Grenada (leading the Yogi Bear-like President to hold the telephone away from his ear and exclaim in admiration, "She's great!"), the Americans went ahead with the conquest. Although Mrs Thatcher was utterly intent on modernising the Lance short-range nuclear missile, George Bush ignored her pleas and abandoned modernisation, just as he overrode Mrs Thatcher's opposition to a specific United Nations resolution authorising the use of force to liberate Kuwait.

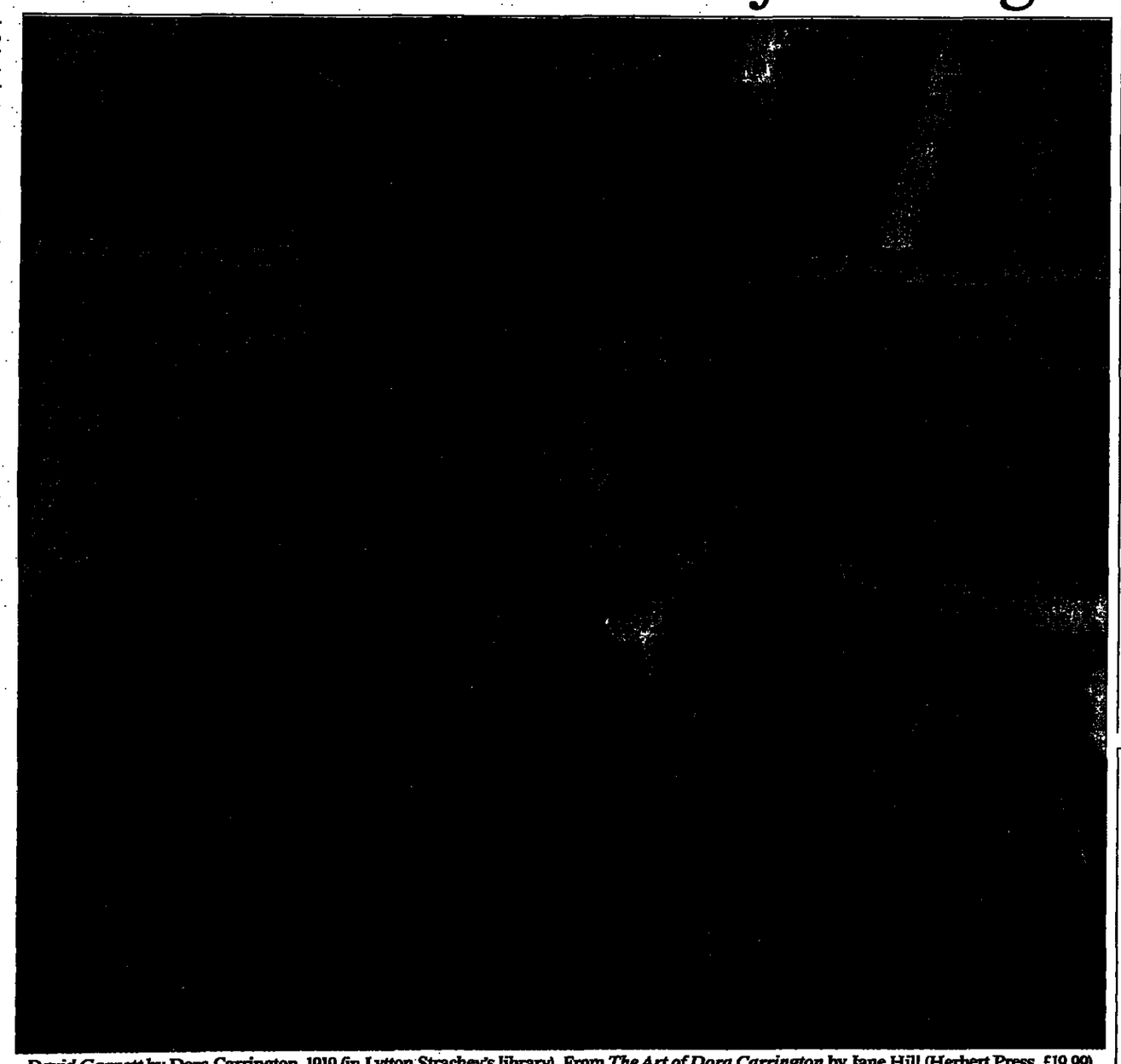
On the other hand, the Americans have demonstrated weighty displeasure on occasions when the British Government has failed to abide by the wishes of the White House or, even worse, taken action (rightly or wrongly) in accordance with its own judgment. Lyndon Johnson sulked over Harold Wilson's rejection of his urgings for British troops — "a platoon of bagpipers would be sufficient" — to be sent to Vietnam; and he upbraided poor Sir Alec Douglas-Home for having the nerve to sell buses to Cuba. When the naughty British temporarily deserted America's embrace for three-in-a-bed antics with Israel and France at Suez, Eisenhower indulged in the economic equivalent of wife-battering by threatening to destroy sterling.

Now, John Dickie argues in this well-researched history of the special relationship, the Americans — following a brief flirtation with the buxom Germans — are recognising "an upsurge of political interest in the Pacific Rim" by responding to the allure of oriental paramours. Says Dickie: the Anglo-American "affair is over".

So goodbye, dear, and amen
Here's hoping we meet now and then.
It was great fun.
But it was just one of those things.

'SPECIAL' NO MORE
Anglo-American Relations: Rhetoric and Reality
By John Dickie
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How to make Bloomsbury boring



David Garnett by Dora Carrington, 1919 (in Lytton Strachey's library). From *The Art of Dora Carrington* by Jane Hill (Herbert Press, £19.99)

It is easy to knock Bloomsbury but rather harder to write *To the Lighthouse* or *The General Theory of Employment, Interest and Money*. The world from which such works sprang will always remain worth studying.

Even so, life is too short to spend more than 30 seconds on the poetry of that obscure Treasury figure Saxon Sydney-Turner, let alone to dwell upon his undergraduate output. One man's obsession is, of course, another's specialisation. The Canadian professor Stanford Rosenbaum has given much of his life to Bloomsbury marginalia. He now not only issues a second hefty instalment of its early history but has a third volume on the go. Only then will it reach the point when most of the group began to publish in earnest.

The world at large knew only of E.M. Forster — indeed, he had just one more novel to write. Not that this period is without interest, even if one sets aside the gossip and torment which filled so many letters. Certainly, the experiments of Virginia Woolf and the iconoclasm of Lytton Strachey owe much to their Victorian education, set forth in *Victorian Bloomsbury* (Papermac, £14.99).

Christopher Hawtree

EDWARDIAN BLOOMSBURY
By S.P. Rosenbaum
Macmillan, £47.50

Little sense of this can disinterred from the current outlandishly priced volume. More concerned with supplying a page reference than cultivating any prose rhythm, Rosenbaum has no sense of proportion. He turns from subject to subject with the dutiful air of a barber, calling "next" — or, rather, "text", such is the wearyingly frequent use of this word for any product of the pen, whether a forgotten review by Clive Bell or a novel by Forster.

Typical of his approach is the clomping "exact specificity of observation is what Woolf seeks, often vainly, in the self-writings she is reviewing". How much neater to have said: "as a reviewer of memoirs, Virginia Woolf sought, and rarely found, specific observation".

So it is throughout. Different in tone from Virginia Woolf's brilliant main diary are her early journals. These have their own fascination, that of a writer finding her way. They are drained of life in the prolonged paraphrases by Rosenbaum, who similarly mangles the emergent style of Lytton Strachey. His early view of Empire, in a dissertation on Warren Hastings, also comes in for close study, but Rosenbaum does not supplant the concise account by Michael Holroyd (who rescued it from the dustman's hands).

Submerged here is a useful reference work. Many have noticed that, 15 years before F.R. Leavis first championed Hopkins, Virginia Woolf had appreciated the poet; but Rosenbaum points out that, 20 years before her, Roger Fry was shown by Bridges the manuscript of "The Windhover", and quoted it enthusiastically in a letter. Such nuggets do not redeem the work in which they are embedded.

The cabbie and wife of Dublin's tale

Aisling Foster

DESPERADOES
By Joseph O'Connor
Flamingo, £14.99

THE ROAD has its own compulsive fascination, and the travellers in Joseph O'Connor's second novel carry some heavy personal baggage. Frank Little is a Dublin taxi driver. He was separated from his wife Eleanor after a war of alcohol and violence beat them into mutual retreat. Their son Johnny has been reported killed by the Contras in Nicaragua. His parents plunge from Dublin suburbia into another kind of battle zone to retrieve the body, and come together to face their past. A modern Canterbury Otale? Perhaps. But the gallery of misfits who join forces on this road to enlightenment discover more potholes than short cuts to perfection.

THE STORY gathers speed as Frank and Eleanor meet up with Johnnie's rock band, Los Desperados de Amor, and set off together in a psychedelic bus. Gradually long suppressed horrors of the Dublin marriage are laid bare, and a disturbing image of the missing child is pieced together like the photofit of a ghost.

The countryside through which they drive emerges too, described with Irish eyes in all its exotic extremes of heat and tempest. Yet this is no tourist trip. The people who live in the forests and in the detonated towns where the band stops to play are real cameo parts: all are torn by politics and united by popular music. O'Connor writes each scene like a film script with a great sound track. Frank and Eleanor pan back into childhood, courtship and marriage, images so tinged with regret and softened by the fog of remembering that they make some of the book's finest passages.

Sometimes wider questions are raised: is there a connection between the Nicaraguans' preference for Western rock over their own salsa and Ireland's ambiguous attitude to her language? What about Frank's southerner distaste for Ulster and the political ambivalence of the Americas? And is it better to be a tough, unsurprisable taxi driver, or a wife so sensitive to rejection she can barely be reached?

O'Connor offers no easy answers. Despite the close-ups, he remains as detached as a camera. Having recognised their faults, the Littles seem no better at dealing with them when they recur. Like the song says, it's only rock and roll; but I liked it.

Whingeing on about Aussies and Pommies

Kenneth Minogue

MANNING CLARK'S HISTORY OF AUSTRALIA
Abridged by Michael Cathcart
Chatto & Windus, £25

First the musical in 1988 (which rapidly folded) and now comes the abridgement. Manning Clark took 25 years to write his six volume history of Australia, but he had lots of Australians cheering him on from the beginning. Man and material began to fuse, as Clark turned himself into a living Australian legend by the deft use of props (beard, broad leather belt, heavy boots, stout walking stick, etc). He is said to have modelled himself on the public persona of E.P. Thompson. Each volume had record sales in Australia. The television series has yet to be made and the opera can't be far off.

Australia's history may lack the blood of any profound civil conflict, as D.H. Lawrence complained, but it has everything else: a brutal convict regime, with about 1,400 Robinson Crusoes landing at Sydney Cove to pit themselves against a hostile environment, the clash of settler will against remote imperial good intentions, especially over the treatment of native peoples, bushrangers, intrepid explorers, a hefty dose of class war, all taking place against a hard environment which devoured individuals like a Moloch. And yet out of these unpromising materials came both a society and a political system which, for all its faults, is one of the most sane and civilised the world has seen.

This is not the way Manning Clark saw it. His history is actually the expression of the most powerful of all local legends: Australia blew it. It should have been a brotherhood of man, emerging as it did from Britain's rejects. Certainly it ought to have transcended what Clark saw as the grovelling and avarice of the Old World.

He was visibly impatient in his history to get to the point, about 1820, when he could distinguish *real* Australians, born and bred to the gumtree and the kangaroo, from the endless stream of emigrating Brits. Sometimes he fancies there is hope. In the 1850s, he wrote, Australians "began to dream a great dream: that they could banish the Old World errors and wrongs and lies, that heaven and hell were priests' inventions and that they could build a paradise in the land that belonged to them".

It was painful to him that the majority of Australians, until the last generation or two, thought of themselves not only as Australians but also as British, as part of an Empire whose wars they often fought. Hatred of Britain, however, was never absent. One of his central themes is the clash between the Protestant ascendancy and the Irish Catholics who make up much of the republican and Labour sentiment in Australian politics.

As Cathcart was preparing his abridgement, a spectacular scholarly detonation of Clark's entire enterprise appeared in the September 1993 issue of *Quadrant*. It was by Peter Ryan, who had been both Clark's student and his publisher. It attacked Clark as a poseur who couldn't really write, and who came to be increasingly careless of his facts. Born of a noble vision, wrote Ryan, the history "became a construct spun from fairy floss, and much of that false"; indeed, it was largely "an imposition on Australian credulity".

There is little doubt that Ryan is right. Some passages provoke the thought that this is "1788 and all that". Improved as such a work must be by abridgement, it still barely looks like history at all, though it is certainly a good read. Each chapter begins with a journalistic hook and then broadens out to tackle a theme, and the themes are strung together chronologically. Chapters often end on the novelettish note of "None of them could know that . . ."

Clark loved to moralise about the characters of his history. Australia's mid-century Prime Minister R.G. Menzies is written down as "a man of vast gifts who yet lacked the one precious gift of reading the direction of the river of life". The very next sentence, however, contradicts this: yes, Menzies could actually read the river, but was thrown off course by his passions, including one for "the approval of the high and mighty and the honours the British conferred on their gifted loyal subjects in Australia". Ryan reports Clark years ago hissing at him: "I hate the English." It shows.

Menzies appears only as the project is fading out, and Clark has obviously grown weary. The last two volumes ramble on from year to year like old newsreels picking out men and events he remembers. Phar Lap the miracle horse, the most famous Australian of all, dies far from home, and the bodyline controversy is used to illustrate the running theme of honest, simple Australian pluck matched against supercilious English duplicity. Of the basic historical instinct to puzzle out how things fitted together, nothing remains.

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One year of independence



Can the colleges afford to celebrate?

A TES News Focus on the state of further education

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Capitalisation, week's change

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began today. Dealings end April 8. §Contango day April 11. Settlement day April 18. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
6,269.40	Abbey Ntl	478 †	-7	...	3.7	16.1
1,621.00	Allied Irish	246 †	-16	...	5.1	∞
3,206.40	Ans New Z	245½	-3½	...	3.7	19.3
9,998.00	Bankamerica	2812½	-90	...	...	...
1,169.10	Bk of Ireland	248	-15	...	5.0	18.3
35.20	Bk Leumi UK	430 †	...	20.0	5.8	∞
2,300.00	Bank Scotland	189	-7	4.6	3.1	25.9
8,220.40	Barclays	537 †	-15	...	3.5	27.4
26.90	Carlisle	32½	...	...	...	...
131.80	Cater Allen	547	-22	28.0	6.4	...
172.70	Cattles	156	-1	5.0	4.1	∞
4,122.80	Chase Manh	2246½	+3½	...	...	...
9,644.00	Citicorp	2547½	-209½	...	...	...
242.70	Close Bros	537 †	-4	...	3.0	14.6
4,578.60	Commerzbk	£140½	-209½	...	2.7	...
15,006.10	Deutsche Bk	£315	-193½	...	1.9	...
129.20	First Nat Fin	78	-5	...	2.4	...
42,139.50	Fuji Bank Y	1459½	+11	...	0.4	...
164.40	Gerrard Nat	410	-24	21.5	6.6	10.9
6,395.80	HSBC	756 †	-31	23.5	3.9	∞
13,521.20	HSBC HK	770 †	-34	23.5	3.8	∞
641.00	Hambros	364	-2	14.3	4.9	16.8
23.00	Joseph (L)	418	-7	16.7	5.0	...
25.20	King Shaxson	145	-7	9.0	7.8	...
661.60	Kleinwort Ben	491 †	-35	18.5	4.7	...
7,298.80	Lloyds	588 †	-14	...	4.9	12.0
65.90	Lon Scot Bk	109	-6	3.4	3.9	18.4
7,364.90	Nat Aust Bk	560½	-4½	...	4.2	13.6
7,612.00	Nat West	458 †	-27	...	5.0	12.6
643.10	Provident	481 †	-4	...	4.2	15.3
27.10	Rea Bros	69	...	0.7	1.4	∞
3,295.40	Ryl Bk Scot	414	-23	...	3.3	18.7
1,165.80	Schroders	1160	-9	16.5	1.8	∞
2,592.80	Stand Chart	1087 †	-92	...	2.8	10.5
3,343.10	TSB	218½	-14½	...	4.4	14.9
42.70	Union	159 ‡	-5½	...	2.4	∞
1,624.10	Warburg SG	745	-20	...	3.3	10.9
5,415.20	Wells Fargo	9775	+187½	...	2.8	...
4,190.20	Westpac	239	-4	...	2.3	∞
29.90	Wintrust	353 †	-12	...	3.4	31.6

BREWERIES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5,049.50	Allied-Lyons	568	-48	...	5.0	15.8
4,572.80	Bass	525	+1	...	4.7	14.0
324.40	Boddington	269 †	-9	...	3.7	13.7
222.10	Bulmer (HP)	423	-6	...	3.1	17.0
35.20	Burtonwd Brw	169	...	4.7	3.5	14.1
30.80	Eldridge P 'A'▲	158	-2	...	2.8	21.0
1,925.50	Fosters Brewing	59½	...	...	4.8	70.3
89.30	Fullr Sm 'A'▲	440	-11	7.5	2.1	18.5
9,464.00	Grand Met	455 †	-14	...	3.6	19.8
406.20	Greenalls Grp	434	-6	...	3.6	14.7
213.60	Greene King	505	...	...	3.1	14.1
9,456.40	Guinness	470	-15	...	3.5	∞
63.90	Hardy Hansn	254	-1	...	4.2	13.6
3.71	Heavitree▲	160	...	...	2.8	14.5
538.00	Highland Distl	425	-1	...	1.9	21.1
94.50	Hoi J	3150	...	42.0	1.7	20.5
170.10	Macallan-Glen	146	-1	4.3	3.8	32.8
60.50	Marstn Marin 'A'	445	...	...	2.5	21.2
128.00	Mansfield	200	-1	...	2.5	14.3
239.70	Marston Thmp	269	-6	...	2.6	15.0
127.30	Matthew Clark	558 †	-8	...	4.0	32.0
16.10	Mrydwn W	135	-18	7.0	6.6	11.9
106.40	Morland	495	-5	...	2.5	17.0
4.90	Paramount▲	9½	...	...	1.9	17.6
35.70	Regent Inns	243 †	-8	...	2.1	24.7
6,496.70	SA Breweries	1200	-165½	...	2.3	19.9
2,771.80	Scot & New	522	-14	...	4.1	16.0
164.00	Taunton Cider	150	...	6.2	5.2	11.7
400.70	Vaux Group	287	...	...	4.1	18.5
126.00	Wetherspoon JD	350 ‡	-14	...	2.1	27.2
2,735.30	Whitbread	524	-16	...	4.3	12.6
335.50	Wolvrhmptn D	506	-3	...	3.1	14.2
15.30	Young 'A'	528	...	14.7	3.5	21.8

BUILDING, ROADS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
70.90	Abbey	183	-2	...	1.4	30.0
15.20	Albrighmn▲	21	-3	...	0.6	...
46.60	Allen▲	175	-17	...	3.6	39.7
275.00	Amec	136	-17	3.0	2.8	23.2
122.40	Ashtead▲	408 †	-16	...	1.4	27.2
350.50	Alnwoods	124	-4	...	5.1	...
1,692.30	BPB Ind	340	+5	...	2.8	40.7
45.70	Baggeridge Brk	115	+5	...	3.4	34.6
3.97	Bailey (Ben) Con	38	-1	0.6	2.0	...
14.90	Barcom	79	-3	...	4.7	9.5
271.20	Barton	49	-1½	2.0	5.1	24.1
433.10	Barratt Devs	239	-14½	...	2.6	28.5
231.30	Bellway	237	-23	...	3.2	22.3
23.50	Bellwinch	52	-1	...	...	...
337.40	Berkford Intl	226	-8	...	...	...
391.70	Berkeley Gp	508	-15	...	1.5	27.4
24.90	Bett Bros	166	-5	...	1.5	21.4
18.40	Blockleys	74	-1	1.0	1.7	...
2,221.30	Blue Circle	321	-29	...	4.4	...
65.80	Boot (Henry)	330	-5	6.0	2.3	18.5
27.60	Breedon PLC	97	-5	4.6	5.9	23.9
25.00	Br Dredging	143	-1	5.2	4.5	31.7
21.40	Brit Fittings	90	-1	1.7	2.4	...
450.40	Bryant	163 †	-9½	...	3.7	24.8
43.60	CALA	123	-15	...	2.6	...
1,387.70	CRH	395	-9	...	2.4	∞
2.78	Cakebread Rby	37	...	...	...	...
160.60	Costain	31	-4½	...	...	9.2
122.10	Countryside	160 †	-8	...	3.2	35.5
108.20	Crest Nicholson	109 †	-1	...	1.1	...
22.60	Cussins	127	-2	3.0	3.0	∞
13.50	Edmond Hldgs	28½	+3½	0.3	1.4	∞
64.00	Epwin	325	-11	...	2.9	21.1
32.20	Erith	68	+1	0.3	0.6	...
44.40	Eve Group▲	463	...	...	2.8	17.5
17.00	Freeman Gp▲	234	+2	6.0	3.2	∞
43.50	Galliford	49 †	-4	...	2.6	...
1.88	Gibbs & Dandy	108 †	+7	2.5	2.9	∞
101.00	Gleeson (MJ)	1000	-15	...	1.6	17.3
331.80	Hewden-Stuart	145	-8½	...	2.3	31.0
4.65	Heweston	50 †	-1	...	3.1	36.9
376.80	Heywd Wms	403	-28	...	4.0	26.3
58.00	Higgs & Hill	127	-7	2.5	2.5	...
11.70	How Gp	28	-1	...	5.0	...
5.89	Howard Hldgs	23	-2	0.5	2.7	...
220.30	Ibstock Johnsen	88	...	1.0	1.4	...
16.90	Jarvis	25	...	...	...	...
159.80	Laing (J)	349	-30	9.0	3.3	∞
55.40	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	138	-8	...	5.8	...
11.80	Ln Clydeside▲	130	-10	...	4.6	25.5
52.70	Lovell (YJ)	132	-8	...	...	...
125.20	Manders	334 †	-16	10.0	3.7	∞
517.70	Marley	181	-6	...	2.9	24.5
161.70	Marshalls	133 †	-5	...	3.8	...
61.00	Maunders (J)	246	-5	...	2.7	23.5
166.70	McAlpine (A)	295 †	-9	...	2.5	38.8
47.70	McCarthy & S	68	-5	...	1.0	...
640.80	Meyer Intl	511	-29	...	2.4	51.2
119.50	Mowlem (J)	109½	-5½	2.0	2.4	...
42.20	NEM	246	+10	...	...	...
6.76	Needler▲	36	...	...	5.0	16.8
204.20	Newman Tnks	169	-2	6.2	4.7	∞
297.50	Persimmon	302	-11	...	3.8	26.3
5.56	Phoenix Timber	16	-1	...	...	...
18.70	Pochins	1800	...	39.0	2.0	23.6
140.30	Prowting	181	-1	3.4	2.3	...
1,857.70	RMC Gp	943	-37	...	2.7	35.4
163.60	Raine Ind	87 †	-8	...	2.9	18.9
7.20	Ransas▲	30	-3	...	...	...
2,838.00	Redland	550	-24	25.0	5.7	32.0
12.60	Roskel	84	-2	4.3	6.4	12.4
893.60	Rugby Group	305	-19	6.7	2.8	∞
8.15	Scrlid-Rve▲	52	-4	...	0.6	...
32.10	Sharpe & Fisher	159½	-10½	...	3.2	27.0
202.10	Sheffield Insl	268 †	-4	5.4	2.5	∞
26.60	Sheriff Hldgs▲	153	...	...	1.9	24.1
3.36	Shurco▲	108	-2	5.2	6.0	24.5
22.40	Smart (J)	222	-3	...	4.8	16.7
11.80	Starmin	3½	...	...	...	...
1,698.30	Tarmac	185	-16½	5.5	3.7	...
62.80	Tay Homes	215	-38	...	3.3	26.4
602.10	Taylor Woodrw	144	-15	1.0	0.9	...
246.10	Tilbury Dougls	728	-10	33.0	5.7	23.7
5.31	Torex Hire▲	52 †	...	...	...	...
340.30	Travis Perkins	339	-15	8.0	3.0	∞
18.30	Trencherwood	22	-3	...	...	...
12.10	Try Group	38	-3	...	4.8	...
2.84	Tudor	34	-2	0.2	1.2	...
43.20	Vibroplant	91	-5	2.5	3.3	33.8
34.20	Ward Hldgs	65	-3	...	...	...
1.12	Waterhouse	45	...	...	...	...
104.60	Watts Blake	303	...	...	3.0	21.7
136.30	Westbury	306	-2	5.0	3.0	32.0
25.70	Wiggins	5½	...	...	...	...
481.30	Wilson Bowdn	517	-18	9.3	2.3	∞
354.00	Wilson (C)	186	-26	3.9	2.6	32.2
620.70	Wimpey G	186	-23	...	3.6	52.5
3.57	YRM	27	-1	...	...	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,003.00	ADT	723	+30	...	...	∞
15.90	Adam & Harvey	430	+1	13.0	3.8	7.9
6.21	Air London▲	70	-1	3.5	6.3	12.5
3.99	African Lakes	61	...	2.0	4.1	...
126.50	Auto Sec	108	-11	...	7.1	19.4
1,195.80	BET Ord	128	-2	...	2.2	5.2
34.70	BNB Res	164	+22	4.9	3.8	∞
51.90	BPP	276	-40	8.8	5.5	∞
44.90	BSM	161	-16	...	4.5	∞
34.70	Barbour Index	209 †	-6	8.1	4.9	14.2
7.76	Black & Edge▲	1½	...	...	...	...
12.60	Boustead	19	-2	0.7	4.6	...
44.50	Brit Data Mgt	183 †	-15	4.9	3.3	13.3
4.10	Broadcastle▲	27	-4	1.0	4.8	∞
8.31	Brwns Service	69	...	...	0.9	...
59.10	CRT Gp	110xd	-8½	...	3.3	10.9
107.10	Capita Group	226	+12	2.5	1.4	∞
45.00	Casket Plc	51	-2½	...	2.2	19.6
22.40	Chiltern Capital	24½	-½	...	...	...
19.10	Christie	81	...	...	...	...
1,031.30	Chubb Sec	369	-8	...	1.8	22.9
45.00	Comac	123	-2	...	1.5	31.7
17.70	Corp Services	47	-3	0.2	0.7	∞
23.30	Coutts Cnslg	93	-2	...	...	...
22.40	Dart	146	...	3.3	2.8	19.8
244.30	Davis Service	239	-20	...	4.1	∞
26.40	EW Facts▲	145	+3	4.7	4.2	∞
27.40	Gardiner	25½	-1½	...	3.6	11.4
1,183.40	Hays	293	-3	...	2.4	22.5
184.10	Hogg Robinson	266	-12	...	3.2	19.4
14.50	Holmes Protectn	33	...	...	...	2.0
9,985.10	Hutch Whamp	276½	+19½	...	1.7	22.9
627.80	ISS B DKr	3415½	+12½	...	0.8	∞
2,903.50	Inchcape	582	-3	...	3.2	18.0
199.00	Johnson Clean	1010	-8	27.0	3.4	∞
62.20	Lep	6½	...	...	...	...
42.80	Mitie Gp	369 †	-6	4.0	1.4	25.5
950.30	Manpower	1229½	-6½	...	...	...
40.00	Michael Page	77	+1	2.1	3.5	∞
5.26	Pennant▲	109	...	8.0	9.2	4.1
2.19	Prime People▲	4½	-½	...	...	...
42.90	Proudfoot	68	...	...	27.6	3.8
41.60	RCO	390 †	-12	15.2	4.9	13.1
6.82	REA	109	+3	2.0	2.3	...
62.00	Reed Executive	121	-2	...	...	...
26.60	Reliance Sec▲	118	-8	4.5	4.8	31.0
2,349.80	Rentokil	241	...	2.8	1.5	∞
18.70	Rolfe & Nolan	308	-15	...	3.0	21.1
752.70	Salvesen (C)	260	-3	...	3.8	17.3
6.10	Scott Pickford▲	52	-2	0.8	1.9	16.6
29.00	Select Appts▲	13½	-1	...	...	...
105.20	Serco Gp	1400 †	-38	17.0	1.5	...
4.94	Sherwd Cmpts▲	81	...	...	10.8	2.4
67.40	Sketchley	116	+2	...	3.2	26.5
79.40	Warner Howrd	335	...	6.6	2.5	17.5
7.09	Welpac	25	...	...	...	...
41.90	Wills Gp	38 †	-1	...	1.9	19.6

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
705.40	Allied Colloids	266	-8	...	2.0	24.7
656.10	Amersham	1141	+51	...	1.5	32.8
32.20	Anglo Utd	3½	...	...	...	...
7,581.80	BASF DM	£139½	+615½	...	3.4	...
416.60	BTP	310	-3	...	3.8	24.9
10,234.90	Bayer DM50	£155½	+681½	...	2.8	...
77.10	Blagden	353	-2	6.5	5.3	16.5
79.90	Brent Chems	112½	+2½	...	4.5	...
166.00	Br Bio-Tech	465	+5	...	...	...
5.58	Caird Gp	9½	-½	...	...	27.1
49.80	Canning (W)	176	-3	7.2	5.3	∞
2,074.10	Courtaulds	516	-44	...	3.4	12.9
490.90	Croda	373	-5	...	2.7	21.4
13.50	Doeflex	127	-2	4.6	4.6	∞
204.70	Ellis & Everard	346	-2	...	3.7	20.6
12.50	Euro Colour	41½	+½	0.8	2.7	19.9
102.50	Halstead (J)	344	+4	...	2.5	16.0
364.60	Hickson	210	+3	...	4.8	19.5
7,906.70	Hoechst	£133½	-440½	...	2.7	...
179.50	Holliday Chem	310 †	+1	4.0	2.4	∞
5,594.30	ICI	815 †	+23	...	4.2	61.2
1,506.70	Laporte	788	-11	...	3.3	19.4
135.50	Leigh	212	-3	...	4.6	18.7
16.30	MTM	63	+1½	...	...	...
4,591.70	Norsk Hydro	2221½	-53½	...	1.4	∞
140.60	Paterson Zoch	575	-10	...	2.8	15.1
125.30	-do- 'A'	545	-9	...	2.9	14.3
110.20	Plysu	232	-11	...	3.8	19.7
52.40	Porvair	340 †	+7	4.2	1.5	∞
34.90	Sutcliffe Speak	62	-3	...	...	...
112.30	Wardle Storeys	451	-17	...	4.8	20.6
50.90	Wstnhlme R	688	+30	18.0	3.3	∞
202.50	Yorks Chem	443 †	-5	...	2.3	21.0
276.30	Yule Catto	278	-4	...	2.7	17.3
7,030.80	Zeneca	744 †	-10	...	4.6	16.4

DRAPERY, STORES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
35.60	Alexon	62	-3	...	6.0	...
231.90	Allders	225	-12	...	3.4	16.6
1,073.60	Argos Plc	361	+6	...	2.8	∞
12.00	Ashley Group	8½	-½	...	2.6	...
195.00	Ashley (Laura)	83	-5½	0.1	0.2	...
264.10	Asprey	331	...	5.2	2.0	21.3
56.20	Austin Reed	183	-2	...	1.7	...
71.30	Beattie (J) 'A'	153	-2	...	5.0	15.4
56.10	Bentalls	134	-4	1.9	1.8	...
127.10	Benetware	124	-9	...	2.2	14.8
13.00	Blacks Leis	41	...	2.2	6.9	...
407.40	Body Shop	216	-6	...	1.0	22.9
17.60	Brown & Jackson	2½	-½	...	...	...
334.30	Brown (N)	458	...	...	2.0	26.9
287.90	Burton	58	+1½	...	4.5	...
29.80	Cantors	197 †	...	...	2.5	27.4
44.10	Church	408	-30	13.0	4.1	∞
26.00	Clinton Cards	153	-17	4.7	3.9	∞
1,585.30	Coats Viyella	234½	-20½	...	4.4	17.6
15.20	Colourvision▲	75	-7	5.6	9.3	13.5
31.30	Ctry Casuals	163	-3	...	3.2	15.1
212.70	Courts Furnish	868 †	-7	5.6	0.8	10.9
3.04	Crowd Eyes	190	-5	7.5	4.9	13.0
1,564.30	Dairy Farm Intl	94½	-3½	...	4.3	∞
129.80	Dewhirst (I)	108	-3	0.8	1.0	23.1
821.40	Dixons Grp	207	-4	...	3.8	...
5.74	ERA Gp	10	...	...	...	...
6.96	Elys (Wimbldn)	580	...	16.0	3.5	19.9
30.10	Essex Furn	263 †	-5	...	1.8	42.8
148.90	Etam	228	-8	7.0	3.8	20.9
404.40	Fine Art Dev	508	+6	13.0	4.2	16.5
2.85	Fired Earth Tiles	50	...	...	...	...
16.40	Formister	708	...	14.5	2.6	12.9
20.80	French Conn▲	130	-2	...	...	...
25.30	Gent SR	70	...	...	4.7	21.5
22.00	Goldsmiths Gp	107½	+1½	0.3	0.4	...
5,875.00	GUS	584 †	-22	...	2.5	18.1
3.74	Hampden Grp▲	25	...	...	3.0	...
62.80	Hamstone	60	-7	...	...	...
33.20	Helene Plc	26½	-1½	2.0	9.5	12.5
5.09	Heritage▲	90	...	...	...	...
8.40	Honeysuckle▲	76 †	-6	...	4.1	11.1
17.90	Jacques Vert	188 †	-3	...	2.3	14.4
3,657.50	Kingfisher	550	-39	...	3.5	∞
26.40	Leslie Wise Gp	76 †	...	...	6.6	16.0
88.50	Liberty	537	-2	7.2	1.7	62.8
220.00	Lloyds Chem	357 †	+17	...	2.8	11.8
980.90	MFI	165	-7½	...	2.9	75.0
11,477.30	Marks Spencer	413	-4	...	2.5	21.1
355.80	Menzies (John)	640 †	-11	...	2.2	16.7
47.40	Moss Bros	284	...	3.5	2.4	33.4
825.00	Next	222	-1	3.5	2.0	26.5
13.40	Oliver (G)	53	+3	...	...	...
144.40	Oriflame Intl	270	-7	...	4.6	13.2
47.50	Pentos	33	-3½	0.8	3.0	6.9
100.20	QS Hldgs	255	-9	5.1	2.5	18.2
28.50	Rhino Grp▲	34	-6	0.5	1.9	∞
35.70	Rosebys	181	-19	4.6	3.1	∞
145.40	Sherwood Gp	130	-21	...	2.5	11.7
1,777.80	Sears	117½	-2	...	3.7	49.3
109.90	Signet Group	37½	-½	...	...	...
1,430.80	Smith WH 'A'	522 †	-2	...	3.6	16.8
167.80	-do- B	120xd	...	...	3.1	19.4
2.02	Specialeyes▲	13	-1	...	...	...
922.00	Storehouse	222	+2	...	2.8	22.0
118.20	T & S Stores	185	...	6.0	4.1	13.8
72.80	Tie Rack	141	-5	1.0	0.9	23.1
128.80	Time Products	243	-8	7.7	4.0	21.0
8.38	Usher (Frank)▲	121 †	-2	6.0	6.2	13.1
3,084.60	Vendome	439	+11	...	1.7	20.4
22.60	Vivat	41	...	1.2	3.9	∞
69.80	WEW Group	48	-4½	...	3.5	35.4
3.14	Wensum▲	42	...	1.8	5.6	...
423.40	Wickes	114	-4	...	1.1	27.2
6.72	Wrld of Leather▲	84	-5	...	...	...
68.60	Wyevale	179 †	...	4.4	3.1	∞
3.48	Xtra-vision▲	2½ #	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
320.70	ACT Group	173	-8	...	3.6	17.4
42.70	Acal▲	281	-2	...	3.2	20.2
58.30	Admiral	540	...	6.3	1.5	∞
82.00	Alba	177 †	-13	...	3.4	20.1
9.72	Alphameric	36	-3	...	...	...
208.40	Amstrad	35½	-3	...	1.8	...
20.30	App Holo▲	97	-1	...	...	...
21.60	Arden	29	-4	...	...	...
271.30	Astec	88	-1	...	1.1	∞
53.30	Atlan	244	-20	...	1.5	29.0
26.30	Beales Hunter	208	-7	...	4.4	16.6
2.92	Bennett & Fountn	2½ #	...	...	...	...
1,544.40	BICC	438	+5	...	5.7	31.1
150.70	Blick	494 †	-21	...	2.6	18.3
227.20	Borland▲	800	-137½	...	...	...
620.90	Bowthorpe	334	-15	6.9	2.6	...
34,533.50	BT	395	-16½	...	5.1	19.1
4,843.40	BT P/P	277	-16	...	6.2	18.7
4.16	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	16	-1½	0.1	0.8	...
21.60	Burnfield	63 †	-14	...	5.0	49.0
9,570.30	Cable Wireless	438	-3	...	2.2	22.9
79.30	Chloride	33½	-1½	...	...	...
47.80	CML Micro▲	273	...	4.7	2.2	19.8
25.10	Comptr People	181	...	1.5	1.0	∞
375.80	Cray Elect	170xd	-7½	...	1.3	16.6
50.10	Crlchley	142	-5	...	1.4	24.9
802.20	Delta	542	+25	...	3.4	∞
25.00	Denmans El▲	573	-2	...	1.4	18.4
125.50	Domino	475 †	-5	...	2.1	20.4
106.30	Dowding Mills	72	-1	...	4.4	30.4
94.80	Druck▲	1475	-88	10.3	0.9	39.6
1,084.60	Electrocomps	516	-6	...	2.0	39.1
49.10	El Data Prc	188 ‡	-2	...	1.2	16.1
35.90	Electron House	143 †	-10	...	2.4	20.5
33.40	Emess	31½	-2	0.1	0.4	∞
345.50	Eurotherm	773 †	-31	...	1.5	26.3
903.10	FKI	203	-8	...	2.0	29.7
764.70	Farnell Elect	599	-16½	...	1.4	30.1
5.42	Feedback▲	64	...	...	3.9	8.7
46.60	First Tech	301	-8	...	0.8	25.1
20.20	Forward Gp▲	245	-37	4.0	2.0	17.3
11.40	Forward Tech	39½	+6	0.2	0.9	∞
8,208.00	GEC	300 †	-4½	10.4	4.3	15.0
106.90	Graseby	166	-9	...	5.1	∞
37.10	Greystone	13½	...	...	...	...
2.07	Hillcare▲	43	...	0.5	1.5	...
63.80	Ind Control	160	-7	...	3.6	14.1
61.90	Jones Stroud	340 †	-18	...	3.3	13.7
48.70	Kalamazoo	128	-10	2.7	2.6	28.7
2.88	Kembrey	10½	...	...	0.1	1.8
134.00	Kenwood App	365	-5	...	2.7	20.5
30.60	Kewill Sys▲	253	-8	...	...	...
11.90	Kode	128	-5	6.0	5.9	∞
4.03	Laser-Scan▲	25	...	...	...	...
17.00	LBMS▲	95	-1	0.7	1.0	13.4
16.60	Lec Refrig	275	...	9.0	4.1	...
215.90	Life Sciences	127 †	-5	3.9	3.8	∞
179.30	Logica	291	-15	...	1.8	33.4
4.22	LPA Ind▲	47	...	...	6.5	...
114.30	MR Data Mngmt	206 †	-5	...	3.4	22.9
89.90	Macro 4	655 †	-10	...	3.7	19.7
107.40	Memvier-Sw▲	220 †	-4	...	2.2	19.2
131.80	Micro Focus	928	-40	...	...	8.9
58.30	Microgen	148 †	-2	...	6.1	14.9
20.40	Microvitec▲	32	-4½	...	...	...
198.30	Misys	511 †	-15	...	1.8	18.7
257.60	Mitel	326	-43	...	...	...
20.00	MMT Compt▲	178	+5	...	2.8	24.2
4.85	Molynx	24	...	...	1.3	6.8
49.80	MTL Instr▲	283 †	-1	...	4.1	1.8
21.30	Multitone Elect	141 †	...	3.5	3.1	25.6
34.50	Murray Ent	130	-1	...	1.9	...
10,059.70	NYNEX	2437½	-40½	...	...	...
31.10	Neotronics	120	...	...	2.7	20.9
2.55	Newmark (L)	55	...	...	...	...
23.60	Norbain▲	316	-51	...	0.6	24.5
9.34	Northamber	55	-3	0.6	1.4	...
10.80	Oceonics	7½	-½	...	...	...
156.50	Oxford Ins	322 †	-22	4.6	1.8	22.2
39.60	P & P	71	-7	...	3.7	16.8
94.90	Peek	81	-8	3.4	5.4	∞
12.70	Pegasus▲	203	-1	5.0	3.1	∞
12.90	Philips Fn 4%	£100	...	...	5.8	...
5,939.90	-do- Lmp nv	1859½	-68½	...	0.9	∞
131.60	Phonelink▲	371	-67	...	...	...
31.60	Pifco	331 †	-7	...	1.6	27.9
22.30	-do- 'A' Voting	323 †	-7	...	1.7	27.1
3.48	Plasmec▲	75	-2	3.0	5.2	∞
27.60	Pressac	112	-1	...	2.9	23.7
50.70	Psion▲	226	-9	2.5	1.4	60.0
581.60	Racal Elect	208	-10	4.2	2.5	12.4
7.93	Radamec	43	-3	...	4.4	9.2
7.92	Radius▲	29	-3	0.4	1.9	∞
7.28	Real Time▲	104	-8	...	3.6	21.3
109.00	Sage Gp	526	-16	...	2.4	16.1
30.40	Sanderson Elec	320	-12	9.9	3.9	13.6
28.10	Scantronic	77	-8	3.1	5.2	21.1
76.80	Scholes Grp	200	-11	...	3.2	20.6
360.00	Sema Gp	393	-1	3.1	1.0	∞
28.90	Servomex	220	...	5.9	2.7	20.4
14.10	Silvermines	43	-1	...	2.9	...
7.74	Soundtracks▲	77 †	-8	...	3.9	19.3
3,634.70	TDK	2762½	-30	...	1.1	31.4
1.12	TDS Circuits▲	12½	...	...	...	...
116.70	Telemetrix	129 †	-12	1.0	1.0	∞
79.30	Telspec	250	-11	...	1.2	31.4
4,473.00	THORN EMI	1050	-72	...	3.8	34.3
22.70	Thorpe FW	191	+5	...	1.7	22.2
3.53	Total Systems▲	35	...	1.5	5.4	6.2
95.00	Tunstall	290	-5	...	1.5	20.7
215.10	Unitech	315 †	+1	...	2.5	53.6
24.50	Verity	12	-1½	...	...	...
34.90	Vistec▲	28½	-1½	0.3	1.6	16.8
5,379.00	Vodafone	531	-20	...	1.8	23.1
122.70	Volex	463	-7	18.1	4.9	19.0
3.61	Western Selectn	24	-1	0.2	1.3	...
46.10	Wholesale Ftgs	325 †	-10	11.7	4.5	34.3

ELECTRICITY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,296.80	East Midlands	592	-16	...	4.3	10.5
1,671.10	Eastern Elect	633	+3	...	4.0	12.1
1,428.50	Hydro-Elect	372½	-13½	...	3.9	13.1
1,245.40	London Elect	571	-38	...	4.7	10.8
829.20	Manweb	668	-25	...	3.9	8.7
1,280.50	Midlands Elec	606	-22	...	4.4	9.6
5,761.90	National Powr	450½	-19½	...	3.1	11.2
804.60	Northern Elec	662	-21	...	4.3	8.5
632.10	Nthn Ireland	264 †	-16	...	3.3	12.9
1,089.70	Norweb	631	-22	20.8	4.1	9.0
4,103.00	PowerGen	531	-32	...	2.6	13.9
3,219.20	Scottish Power	395	+9	...	3.7	14.7
822.60	Seeboard	323	-18	...	4.0	10.1
686.80	Sth Wales	670	-20	...	4.3	10.3
766.00	Sth Western	623	-12	...	4.2	9.2
1,088.30	Southern Elec	623	-13	...	4.2	8.3
1,240.60	Yorkshire Elec	597 †	-36	...	4.5	11.2

FINANCE, LAND

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
26.00	Aitken Hume	56	-1	1.0	2.2	11.0
24.40	BWD▲	128 †	-8	4.0	3.9	20.0
31.40	Baltic Plc	104	...	...	1.8	∞
121.00	Brokr Inv	209	...	...	...	...
556.80	Caledonia	670	-2	...	2.9	24.9
59.00	Camellia	2399½	-90½	...	1.6	8.9
73.80	Candover	331	-4	11.0	4.2	∞
288.80	Govett	411 †	-9	...	4.6	8.4
64.10	Ivory Sime	221	-4	...	4.0	19.1
40.20	Johnson Fry	268	-52	...	1.5	...
208.00	Lon Forfaitng▲	208 †	-5	9.3	5.6	∞
16.20	Manakin	70	...	...	...	...
18.60	Nat Home Loan	18	-½	...	...	0.4
20.70	Newmarket	58	...	...	...	...
63.60	Rathbone Bs	323	-1	6.5	2.5	19.6
66.80	Rutland Tst	26	-2	...	3.8	15.4
35.60	S & U	342	-8	10.2	3.7	13.7
180.90	Singer & Fried	94	-6	...	4.1	11.9
411.50	Sotheby	1213	-35	...	1.3	...
402.30	SIP Capital	147	-2	3.0	2.6	60.6
33.40	Towry Law	220 †	...	...	2.6	21.6

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
9,564.70	Amer Express	1987½	-37½	...	...	...
382.90	Gartmore	190	-5	...	2.6	∞
214.40	Henderson Ad	1003	-30	...	5.2	23.1
506.40	Invesco	208	-8	...	1.8	...
2,041.30	Jardine Strat	216	-29½	...	4.0	∞
928.00	MAI	284½	-8½	...	3.1	15.4
1,364.10	MAM	619	-26	16.0	3.2	15.5
749.20	M & G	995	-34	...	3.1	20.8
210.30	Smith New Ct	381	-31	...	2.3	3.7
25.30	Trio Hldgs	45½	-5½	2.5	6.9	∞

FOODS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2,460.50	AB Food	548	-11	...	3.4	11.3
1,637.90	ASDA Group	56½	-1½	1.6	3.7	...
105.60	Acatos & Hutch	320 †	-23	...	3.1	11.8
345.70	Albert Fisher	57	-7	...	8.2	12.8
2,807.30	Argyll	280	-6	...	5.8	9.0
21.60	Banks (S C)	252 †	-8	9.0	4.5	9.6
60.90	Barr (AG)	322 †	-7	6.5	2.5	∞
10.80	Bensons Crsp▲	59 †	-7	2.8	6.0	∞
910.80	Booker	427	+11	...	6.6	∞
30.00	Borthwick	53½	...	...	2.8	66.5
240.20	Brake Bros	471	-9	6.3	1.7	19.6
58.60	Budgen	36 †	-2	...	4.5	10.9
3,934.20	Cadbury-Schw	474 †	-25	...	5.8	15.4
12.80	Carrs Milling	287	-17	...	2.9	13.6
18.30	Cranswick	136	-9	...	7.4	12.9
3.44	Cullens	13	-2	0.5	4.8	37.3
13.20	Delepak	114 †	-2	...	5.5	33.2
1,019.00	Dalgety	445	-9	...	5.9	12.8
6.39	Daniels S	77	-5	...	0.5	∞
334.80	Devro	248	-7	...	2.8	∞
18.30	Everest	72	+10	...	6.5	13.5
88.70	Farepak	392	...	5.9	1.9	24.1
1.70	Farringford	6½	-1½	...	...	...
76.80	Finlay (James)	77	-3	...	6.7	25.6
265.00	Fyffes	94 †	-6	...	1.9	16.1
175.80	Geest	245	-21	8.1	4.2	∞
21.70	Global▲	18	-1	0.5	3.5	28.0
20.20	Grand Central	51	...	0.8	2.0	...
352.30	Hazlewood Fds	152	-4	...	5.3	8.6
1,179.70	Hillsdown	171	-2	...	6.7	12.7
417.40	Iceland Group	152	-6	3.8	3.2	∞
45.20	JLI Group	109	-1	...	5.4	12.1
913.10	Kwik Save	591	-11	...	3.9	10.7
80.60	Low (Wm)	151	-5	...	7.0	5.3
129.10	Matthews (B)	104	...	2.5	3.0	∞
11.00	Merchant Retail	13	-2	0.9	9.1	26.6
835.00	Morrison (W)	117	-½	...	1.1	∞
93.20	Nichols (JN)	236	-7	5.7	3.1	∞
1,193.50	Nthn Foods	208	-4	...	5.1	10.2
5.73	Nthmbrn Fin▲	12	...	...	...	...
266.50	Nurdin Peack	211	-14	...	3.7	11.7
198.50	Park Foods	111 †	-5½	...	2.4	25.7
69.60	Perkins Food	73	-1	...	7.9	∞
61.60	PizzaExpress	116 †	-6	...	0.5	34.5
4.90	Regina Hlth▲	3½	-½	...	...	...
6,494.10	Sainsbury J	363	-25	...	3.5	12.7
3.57	Senty Farm▲	83	...	1.5	2.3	14.9
31.50	Sims Food	104	-2	...	7.8	20.0
1,556.70	Tate & Lyle	434	+7	...	3.7	11.6
4,175.60	Tesco	222½	-7½	...	4.3	9.7
120.40	Thorntons	189 †	-3	...	2.5	...
20.10	Treats▲	211 †	-15	...	2.4	17.2
822.60	Unigate	352	-8	...	5.8	11.5
1,842.80	Utd Biscuits	351	+3	...	5.6	∞
16.50	Usborne	18	-1	...	3.7	13.3
151.30	Watson & Phil	390	-4	...	4.6	16.3
17.80	West Trust	42 †	-1	...	8.0	...

HOTELS, CATERERS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3.36	Abrdn Stk H▲	28	+2	...	...	...
160.30	City Centre Rest	84	-3½	1.5	2.3	20.3
2,224.80	Forte	257½	-2½	...	3.6	20.2
35.30	Friendly Hotels	180	-4	...	4.0	35.1
49.70	Jurys Hotel	146½	-4½	...	4.4	11.8
2,247.50	Ladbroke	197 †	-10	...	3.8	34.6
587.10	Mandarin Orntl	89½	+3	...	3.9	∞
49.80	Resort Hotels	45 #	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
15.70	Ryan Hotels K	24	+½	...	5.2	...
322.80	Savoy Hotel 'A'	1125	+10	7.0	0.8	...
324.70	Stakis	85 †	-3½	1.0	1.5	∞

INDUSTRIALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
13.30	AAF Inds	58	-2	...	19.0	3.5
416.60	AAH	466	-30	...	4.7	15.5
23.80	AIM	171 †	+1	...	5.5	20.9
355.00	APV	120½	-8½	...	5.8	∞
126.60	ASW	189 †	-5	...	4.0	∞
148.80	Adwest	183	-3	...	4.9	17.6
6.46	Aerospace Eng	17 †	...	...	5.5	...
63.90	Airsprung	265	-15	...	2.2	16.9
69.40	Alexdra W	206	-4	4.1	2.5	32.6
4.85	Allied Radio	10½	-½	...	...	...
95.50	Alumasc	308 †	-22	...	2.5	17.1
37.80	Alvis	68 †	-4	...	1.8	12.3
28.40	Amber Ind	725	-20	...	3.3	16.6
12.60	Amberley Gp▲	47	-6	1.0	2.7	...
35.30	Anagen	76	...	...	...	...
13.60	Andrews Sykes	95	...	...	3.9	...
465.20	Antofagasta	1480	-85	...	1.4	∞
14.60	Armour	51½	-5½	...	4.1	12.0
45.70	Ash & Lacy	175	...	6.4	4.6	17.9
13.10	Ass Br Eng	5	...	...	1.3	65.4
155.10	Avon Rubber	583	-19	...	3.5	21.5
35.70	Assoc Nursg▲	280	...	...	0.4	17.8
53.40	Atlas Equip	533	-20	22.0	5.3	∞
8.30	Ayrshire Metal	83	+5	1.5	2.3	∞
821.90	BBA	203 †	+1	...	4.6	...
8.10	BLP Group▲	122	...	...	...	...
42.10	BM Gp	38	-2½	...	...	...
3,420.10	BOC	717	-4	...	4.0	28.2
194.80	BSG	93	-4½	3.2	5.5	∞
58.90	BSS Group	539	-3	...	4.0	30.1
13,123.40	BTR	377 †	-7	...	4.1	19.8
78.70	BWI	165	-9	...	5.1	15.3
193.80	Babcock	36	-4	...	3.8	21.5
4.40	Bailey (CH)	8	-½	...	...	...
276.00	Baird (Wm)	244	-1	8.9	4.7	∞
346.80	Barlow	437½	-56½	...	7.6	7.9
97.20	Baynes (Charles)	70	-6	...	3.0	∞
7.54	Bearing Power	27½	-½	...	4.2	14.3
7.22	Beaufort	30	+1	...	...	...
1.61	Bedford (W)▲	34	-1	...	...	...
37.60	Benson Group	17xd	-1½	...	2.8	10.2
75.90	Bespak	300	-10	10.2	4.3	9.4
12.50	Bibby (J)	20	-7	...	3.1	...
3.45	Billam (J)	213	...	5.3	3.2	∞
2.19	Bilston Bnsen▲	26	-5	...	...	...
7.14	Bimec Ind	5½	-1½	...	...	...
130.90	Birkby	277	-3	3.7	1.7	14.4
10.60	Black Arrow	43	-2	2.1	6.1	13.5
140.00	Black (Peter)	260 †	-5	3.8	1.9	20.3
59.40	Bluebird Toys▲	750	-68	16.0	2.7	∞
198.10	Bodycote	316	-6	...	2.0	20.2
1.74	Bogod 'A'	36	...	0.7	2.4	13.4
5,517.30	Boots	530	-6	...	3.2	20.9
1.76	Booth Inds	44	...	...	...	...
2,235.50	Bowater	448	-42	...	3.6	∞
565.60	Bowater Inc	1559xd	+34½	...	...	...
78.40	Boxmore Intl▲	285 ‡	-4	4.0	1.8	∞
12.90	Brasway	16½	-½	...	3.9	...
138.40	Brammer	309	-16	13.0	5.3	23.0
6.61	Bridgend Gp	24	...	0.4	...	...
81.10	Bridon	143	-13	...	3.6	∞
7.72	Bridport-Gndry	77	-1	...	4.1	...
1,220.50	Brierley Inv	47½	-5½	...	7.3	11.4
23.00	Br Bldg & Eng	213	-22	...	4.8	17.8
3.90	Br Bloodstock▲	100	...	...	...	...
135.40	Br Polythene	433	-21	11.5	3.2	∞
2,808.00	Br Steel	140½	-5	...	1.3	...
19.80	Br Thornton	123	-12	...	5.1	12.6
609.80	Br Vita	283	-7	...	3.3	26.1
73.20	Brdon Grp	14½	-1	...	1.6	∞
13,640.10	Broken Hill	829½	-5½	...	2.2	37.3
73.60	Bromsgrve Ind	103 †	-7	...	5.3	13.4
3.51	Brooke Tool	14½	-3½	...	...	...
15.90	Brown & Tawse	49	+2	...	...	...
193.00	Bullough	161 †	-5	...	4.7	20.4
9.10	Business Tech▲	11½	-1½	...	...	...
14.70	CI Group	17	-1	0.5	4.2	16.3
6.50	Campbll & Arm	45	-5	...	...	...
32.40	Cannon St	31½	-1½	...	...	...
45.40	Cantab Pharms	462	...	...	...	...
147.70	Cape	273	...	...	4.8	18.5
2,259.30	Caradon	381	-15	...	2.9	30.8
334.80	-do- pf	186	-3½	7.2	4.9	...
162.50	Carclo Eng	289	-6	...	4.0	20.0
26.10	Care UK	64	-1	...	...	...
1,786.40	Carnaud MB	2190½	-65½	...	2.8	...
4.86	Cassidy Bros▲	89 †	-3	...	3.4	21.6
52.80	Castings	250	-1	4.6	2.3	17.6
132.00	Cathay Intl	47	...	...	...	...
154.60	Celltech	219	-2	...	...	...
13.30	Chamberlin Hill	185	...	6.5	4.4	11.6
503.40	Charter	736	-15	...	3.7	11.3
62.20	Chemring	319	-4	...	3.5	16.5
4.88	Chieftain Gp▲	57	-1	...	8.0	11.0
14.40	Chillington	45	...	3.0	2.8	...
350.10	Christies Int	218	-10	...	1.2	∞
10.40	Claybithe	63	...	...	5.0	...
2.72	Clayton Son	127	...	...	...	...
3.52	Cohen (A)	453	...	3.4	0.9	...
91.40	Community H	279xd	-5½	...	3.3	15.9
127.80	Concentric	235	-3	...	3.1	19.5
61.80	Cook (Wm)	281	-12	6.0	2.7	17.0
1,475.70	Cookson	363	-15	...	3.0	∞
11.40	Copymore▲	108 †	...	4.0	4.6	∞
65.00	Crswll Pkr 'A'	161 †	...	...	4.4	21.8
14.90	Cocak	131	-6	...	5.1	...
12.70	Creighton Nat▲	275	...	7.4	3.4	19.7
64.20	CressCare	38	-2	0.7	2.5	∞
1,362.60	Dana	4050½	+200	...	...	...
666.70	Danka Bs Sys	355	+1	...	0.5	33.7
158.10	David Brown	273	-10	...	2.7	19.5
1,823.80	De La Rue	945	-76	...	2.5	22.8
5.02	Dinkie Heel	41	...	1.1	3.4	32.6
310.50	Diploma	359½	-12½	...	2.7	22.3
90.00	Dobson Park	70	-9	...	5.9	17.9
1.86	Dyson (J&J)	113 †	-6	5.0	5.5	20.8
10.10	-do- 'A'	84 †	-3	5.0	7.4	15.5
6.35	EFG	14	-1	...	...	...
191.80	EIS	435	-3	...	3.5	17.2
2.79	Eldeif	22	...	...	...	...
14.20	Elcco	48	...	...	...	...
2,181.60	Electrolux 'B'	3062½	-321½	...	1.7	∞
29.20	Elliott (B)	86	-2	...	...	...
1,562.00	Eng China Cl	515	-1	...	5.0	30.9
19.00	Environmed	132 #	...	...	...	...
5,549.00	Ericsson 'B'	2956½	-107½	...	1.3	...
31.00	Eurocopy	64 †	-12	...	3.3	18.9
32.40	Expamet	83	+3	...	3.8	∞
277.50	Fairey Group	740	-21	11.8	2.0	∞
98.70	Fenner	140	...	...	...	...
10.60	Ferraris Group	105	+2	...	2.4	15.6
2.50	Ferrum	8	...	1.4	21.9	5.6
8.25	Fife Indmar	67 †	-6	2.7	5.1	∞
905.30	Fisons	131	-1	...	4.1	...
48.00	Fitzwilton	41 †	-9	...	10.7	...
68.40	Flogas	276 †	...	...	3.8	12.7
15.10	Folkes Group nv	49	...	1.5	3.8	27.8
14.20	French (Thomas)	120	...	...	3.8	25.7
150.30	Frost Group	222	-13	4.9	2.8	∞
31.60	GEI Int	86	-1	...	3.6	...
1,453.80	GKN	554 ‡	-4½	...	4.6	36.1
8.43	GR Hldgs	64	...	...	3.5	...
4.65	Garton Eng	122	-2	4.5	4.7	∞
292.60	Gestetner	149 †	-11	...	2.5	...
13.40	Gleves	59	-1	...	...	42.7
19,025.00	Glaxo	635 †	-59½	...	4.8	14.8
11.40	Glenchewton	45	+7	...	...	...
782.10	Glynwed	378	-2	...	3.9	27.1
97.30	Goode Durrant	184	-4	...	3.7	...
110.80	Grampian Hd	169	-1	5.5	4.1	29.3
3,143.60	Granada	542 †	-20	...	2.0	21.4
57.00	Great Sthrn▲	483	-3	11.4	3.0	18.9
6.47	Green (Ernst)▲	84	+1	...	10.8	13.5
28.20	Greenacre▲	14½	...	...	2.6	14.3
1.14	Guardian Grp▲	6 #	...	...	...	...
70.30	Haden MacLn	84 †	-10	...	4.0	∞
6.95	Hadleigh Inds▲	96	-1	1.0	1.3	...
23.50	Halkin Hldgs	64	-6	...	...	31.0
83.00	Hall Eng	275	-25	9.5	4.4	∞
446.90	Halma	225	-2	...	1.2	28.2
37.90	Hampson Ind	62	...	1.7	3.4	20.6
13,906.80	Hanson	275 †	-6½	...	5.2	25.5
15.20	Harris (Philip)	141	-9	...	6.1	8.5
1,447.10	Harrison Crsfld	208	-2	9.0	5.4	30.0
38.30	Havelock Euro	147	-2	...	...	...
6.00	Hay (Norman)	40	-5	...	...	...
6.28	Headway	39	-2	...	2.2	...
991.80	Hepworth	430	-58	14.8	4.6	∞
5.87	Hewitt (J)	173	-10	3.2	2.3	13.5
2.89	High-Point	58	...	0.5	1.1	...
53.50	Hill & Smith	179 †	-13	...	4.3	18.7
25.40	Hobson▲	27 #	...	...	...	...
5.96	Holders Tech▲	191	...	6.0	4.0	∞
46.00	Hopkinsons	90	-1	0.9	1.9	44.6
16.70	Hornby▲	202	-10	9.0	5.8	18.2
263.40	Howden	94	-5	...	3.0	14.8
56.40	Howlock	237	-12	...	3.2	16.9
231.80	Hunting	241	-1	...	5.2	20.3
133.90	Huntleigh Tech▲	472	-18	...	1.1	31.3
1,131.30	IMI	348	+1	...	3.7	28.7
53.50	ISA Intl	138	+2	1.6	1.5	∞
36.50	Intercare Gp▲	129 †	-9	...	3.4	12.3
39.70	Isotron	320	-3	4.4	1.8	17.9
2,954.30	Jardine Math	414½	-44	...	3.6	∞
1,116.00	Johnson Math	585½	+11½	...	2.2	22.8
61.10	Johnson & FB	63½	-1	...	3.9	41.4
15.70	Johnston	149	-3	3.2	...	...
6.94	Jones Shipman	27	-1	...	...	...
5.39	Jourdan (T)	30	+1	0.7	3.1	...
235.00	Kalon	177xd	...	...	3.0	∞
7.90	Kelsey Ind	280	...	8.0	3.8	∞
282.50	Kenbow (A)	755 †	...	...	4.5	38.9
31.30	Kleeneze	235 †	+1	...	0.6	72.8
422.50	Laird	359	-18	...	3.7	17.7
41.70	Lilleshall	155 †	-3	...	3.7	16.9
13.50	Linton	219	-6	...	3.6	15.3
9.83	Lincoln Hse▲	39	-1	...	...	19.8
18.10	Linread	148	...	3.9	3.4	∞
57.90	Linton Park	338	-8	...	5.2	12.2
20.10	Lionheart	10½	-2½	0.3	3.7	∞
5.25	Locker (T) A	17½	...	0.8	6.1	25.5
243.30	Lon Intl	145	+3	6.2	5.4	...
1,183.20	Lonrho	154 †	+1	...	3.2	75.9
396.30	Low & Bonar	406	-10	...	3.1	∞
65.60	ML Hdgs	43½	-½	...	...	...
16.40	MS Intl	60	-1	...	5.2	36.8
51.10	MY Holdings	58 †	...	...	2.7	15.3
173.10	Macfarlane	229	-9	...	1.8	25.9
478.30	McKechnie	525	-3	...	3.5	25.3
83.50	McLeod Russel	105	-8	...	7.3	15.5
5.68	Magnolia	99	...	0.1	0.1	15.9
24.60	Mang Bronze	149	-12	...	3.0	24.4
37.30	Marling	21	-1	...	5.1	...
37.60	Mayborn▲	190	+4	5.7	3.8	∞
107.00	Mayflower	54	-3	...	1.0	45.1
394.80	Medeva	143½	-11½	2.7	2.4	∞
234.30	Meggitt	105½	-5	...	4.4	18.5
104.10	Metair	126	-5	4.0	4.1	∞
27.50	Metrotect	114	-3	...	3.6	15.8
18.90	Metsec▲	120	+1	...	...	...
53.90	Midstates	107	-2	...	0.9	14.9
173.60	Molins	560	+2	...	3.5	∞
842.30	Morgan Cble	398	-2	...	4.1	20.3
25.10	Morris Ashby▲	215 †	-2	5.7	3.3	16.3
9.08	Neepsend	37	-3	1.0	3.4	49.6
56.80	Nestor-BNA	78	+1	3.1	5.2	18.2
28.40	Nobo Gp	232	-15	5.3	2.9	22.9
279.50	Norcros	160	-32	...	5.5	23.4
20.20	Novo Group	32	...	...	4.3	10.3
2.94	Office Elec Mac	48	-3	...	...	...
24.20	OMI Intl	54½	-2	...	4.0	...
15.00	PCT▲	170	-4	7.2	5.3	19.3
3.38	Pacer Systems▲	72	-3	...	6.2	∞
5.36	Pascoe's	35	-1	...	...	...
313.50	Pentland	87	-5	...	4.7	∞
166.90	Photo-Me	275 †	-5	4.7	2.1	16.5
1,507.60	Pilkington	191	-4	...	1.7	...
93.00	Plansbrook	93	-7	3.4	4.7	∞
238.20	Polypipe	152 †	-13	...	1.8	19.5
22.60	Porter Chadburn	24	...	...	2.1	11.0
238.80	Powerscreen	277	+2	...	3.1	14.4
34.80	Prospect Inds	19xd	-1½	...	5.1	11.5
8.51	RPS Group▲	71	-4	2.4	4.3	∞
1.36	Radiant Metal	100	...	...	...	...
26.90	Ransom Olle▲	148	-7	1.0	0.8	49.6
3,287.80	Rank Org	399	-19	...	3.9	21.7
9.67	Ransomes	17	...	...	...	...
2,257.50	Reckitt Colm	602	-28	...	3.7	∞
29.30	Record	88	-6	3.6	5.3	∞
4.18	Reece	3½	-½	...	...	...
52.30	Relyon	249 †	-8	5.2	2.6	∞
131.30	Renishaw	289 †	-14	...	3.0	33.8
94.80	Renold	144	-8	...	1.5	...
8,374.10	Reuters	2013 †	+3	...	1.4	28.0
12.60	Rexmore	81½	-5½	2.0	3.1	...
55.50	Ricardo Group	176	-7	...	4.3	24.4
5.78	Richard (Leics)	69	-1	3.7	6.8	...
32.70	Richardson West	91 †	-10½	...	4.1	∞
10.00	Ropner	152	-3	8.2	6.8	21.5
23.40	-do- 'A'	149	-3	8.2	6.9	21.1
23.40	Ross Gp	18	+½	0.6	4.5	7.4
152.90	Rotork	174	-13	...	2.7	20.4
29.30	Rubicon	149 †	-11	...	3.6	18.8
15.30	Russell (A)	66	-5	...	0.9	...
31.00	SEP Indl	38xd	+½	0.8	2.6	∞
749.60	SKF 'B'	1175	+6½	...	...	...
553.40	Scapa	234	-4	...	3.0	17.4
124.30	Scholl	185	-4	...	4.3	13.5
170.80	Scoda	274	-10	...	...	...
49.80	Securicor	1200 †	...	...	0.3	35.4
655.90	-do- 'A'	854 †	-25	...	0.4	25.2
840.80	Security Serv	767 †	-11	...	0.9	29.2
341.70	Senior Eng	142	-1½	...	2.8	23.7
98.30	Seton Health	319	-1	...	2.4	18.8
8.66	Shiloh	151	...	3.0	2.5	16.3
183.60	Sidlaw	335	-12	...	3.9	18.6
2,478.10	Siebe	579 †	-8	...	2.2	20.4
146.80	Silentnight	311	-29	...	3.2	16.8
2,351.10	Sime Darby	150	...	...	3.3	16.2
122.70	Simon Eng	122	-1	...	...	...
48.20	Sinclair (Wm)	221 †	-2	...	4.0	17.9
23.70	Six Hundred	44	...	...	4.3	...
1,495.90	Smith & Neph	138	-5½	...	4.5	13.7
5,278.40	SmithKline	385 †	-19	...	3.5	15.5
4,552.20	SmithKline Uts	347xd	-21½	...	3.9	14.0
1,436.70	Smiths Ind	481	-12	...	3.1	19.3
80.20	Sthn Bus	83	-8	...	5.6	4.3
62.40	Spandex▲	580	-5	...	1.5	∞
32.80	Spear (JW)	680	...	19.0	3.9	∞
310.00	Spirax-Sarco	401	-8	...	2.9	25.2
250.60	Spring Ram	62	-6½	...	1.0	∞
242.30	Staveley	213	-20	...	5.0	12.0
66.00	Sterling Ind	232	-4	...	3.2	35.6
216.50	Suter	197 †	+3	...	5.8	17.4
	Swire Pacific 'A'	484	+37	...	2.1	∞
12.80	Sycamore	3½	-½	...	...	...
5.18	Sykes Pick	31	...	3.0	7.5	9.8
28.90	Syltone	173	...	...	3.5	25.0
1,794.10	TI	385 †	-1	...	3.7	22.1
11.90	TLS Range▲	33	...	0.5	1.9	∞
578.50	TT Group	370	-3	...	2.3	∞
200.70	Tabare	232	-4	2.0	1.1	20.1
6,844.90	Takeda Chem	782½	-44	...	0.8	14.8
2.61	Tex Hldgs	41	-5	...	2.7	...
6.78	Tinsley (E)▲	94	-3	...	7.5	16.2
24.00	Titon▲	230	...	...	2.4	18.3
2,761.50	Tomkins	247 †	-5	...	3.4	18.2
1,084.90	Trafalgar H	103 †	-6	...	4.1	...
86.00	Transfer Tech	90	-2	3.2	4.4	11.3
104.70	Triplex Lloyd	162	-1	...	5.4	19.5
427.30	UniChem	299	-1	6.5	2.8	∞
78.40	Unidare	405	-25	...	2.6	22.0
12.70	Unigroup	44	-5	...	...	...
8,501.60	Unilever	1087	-11	28.0	3.0	∞
11,562.50	Unilever (NV)	7196½	-59½	...	2.9	11.9
6.53	Utd Inds	17½ #	...	...	...	...
381.70	VSEL	1007	-18	...	3.8	10.9
29.30	Vernon	20½	-2	...	...	...
604.80	Vickers	184	+6	...	2.1	22.8
134.40	Victaulic	304	-5	...	3.4	∞
211.60	Vinten	516	-4	...	1.9	∞
248.30	Vosper Thorny	794	-1	...	2.6	18.4
10.90	WSP Hldgs	46	+1	...	5.0	∞
226.90	Wagon Ind	332	-16	...	4.4	22.1
27.20	Wakebourne	3½	-½	...	...	12.7
96.30	Walker Greenbk	100	-4	3.1	3.9	25.5
402.90	Wassall	254	-25	3.4	1.6	∞
347.30	Wstfrd Wdgwd	49	+1	...	...	...
505.20	Weir	320	-1	...	2.6	∞
4,965.00	Wellcome	572	-55½	...	4.7	12.0
9.27	Wellman	28½	-½	0.9	3.9	46.9
163.20	West Hibbeare	330 †	-26	...	1.5	20.6
122.80	Whatman	534	-8	10.2	2.4	∞
74.40	Whessoe	253	-4	...	4.1	11.9
45.50	Whitecroft	104	-5	...	...	...
16.20	Widney	11½	-½	...	...	...
28.40	Wilkes (James)	161	-1	3.5	...	47.1
1,927.60	Williams Hldg	391	+2	...	4.2	22.2
33.90	Wilshaw	44½	-3	...	1.5	38.0
2,452.70	Wolseley	919	-46	...	2.0	22.2
3.10	Wood (Arthur)	155	...	3.0	2.5	∞
14.50	Wyko	45	+1	...	1.4	...
12.40	Young (H)	75	-5	...	5.5	...

INSURANCE

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
482.30	Alex & Alex	1282½	-25	...	3.3	...
4,130.10	Am Gen	1909½	+6½	...	4.1	...
29.90	Archer	56	-2	...	2.2	...
81.70	Bradstock	138 †	-1	...	5.0	15.6
836.80	Britannic	443	-7	15.7	2.9	∞
86.20	CLM Insce	100	-4	...	...	...
3,235.90	Com Union	582 †	...	...	3.3	19.3
130.90	Dom & Gen	1925	-25	...	1.6	25.3
131.20	FAI	53	-3	...	0.9	...
60.70	Fenchurch Grp	173	-2	...	3.2	15.5
2,809.70	Gen Accident	623	+10	...	5.7	13.4
1,651.80	GRE	188 †	-3	...	5.1	2.6
242.40	Heath C E	334	-4	...	5.3	...
86.20	Hogg Gp	139	-7	8.1	7.7	12.1
123.90	Independent Ins	283	-10	8.2	3.7	∞
255.30	JIB Group	301	+6	7.5	4.8	∞
2,435.20	Legal & Gen	498	-4	...	5.2	∞
2,838.10	Liberty Life	1215½	-118½	...	2.6	19.3
284.20	LIMIT	101½	-½	...	...	...
2,813.70	Lloyds Abbey	405 †	-7	...	5.6	13.0
200.10	Lloyd Thmp	396	+2	6.7	2.8	18.4
453.80	Londn & Man	376	-8	14.7	4.9	27.7
122.10	Lowndes Lmb	430	-4	14.0	4.1	15.4
4,157.60	Marsh McLn	5664½	+56½	...	3.2	...
81.40	Nelson Hurst	180	...	...	3.9	18.0
24.70	Oriel	120	-4	...	5.2	...
22.00	PWS	72 †	-7	...	6.9	13.4
6,167.90	Prudential	335	-4	...	5.2	∞
532.10	Refuge	340 †	+3	11.3	4.2	∞
1,758.80	Royal	271 †	-6	...	3.5	12.3
1,060.70	Sedgwick	206 †	-9	...	3.6	22.8
55.70	Steel Burrill	119	+2	...	12.6	7.0
36.90	Sturge Hldgs	73 †	-3	...	5.1	62.0
2,771.40	Sun Alliance	343	+14	14.7	5.5	∞
106.30	Trade Indemnity	91	-4	0.5	0.7	∞
1,267.30	Transatlantic	414 ‡	-8	...	3.7	37.2
487.90	Utd Friendly	595	-5	15.1	3.2	25.9
952.40	Willis Corroon	228 †	-6	...	3.6	21.2
8.79	Windsor	26	-1	...	...	20.4

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Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
938.40	Alliance	1862	-55	47.0	3.2	∞
76.30	BZW Conv	151	-2	7.8	6.5	...
304.40	Bankers	196½	-2	...	2.4	...
177.00	Baring Tribune	345 †	-2	...	2.4	...
12.60	Berry Starq	245	-3	2.2	1.1	∞
399.40	Br Assets	104 †	-½	...	5.1	...
123.00	Br Empire Sec	92½	-½	...	1.3	...
4.79	-do- Wnts	36	-1	...	...	...
642.70	Br Inv	206	-7	4.6	2.8	...
156.50	Brunner	249xd	-4	...	2.7	...
44.50	Cont Assets	205 †	-2	...	1.8	...
18.10	Derby Inc	153	...	...	12.9	...
44.50	-do- Cap	280	...	...	...	...
11.50	Drayton Blue	91	-1	8.4	11.5	...
50.20	-do- Eng Intl	102½	+½	1.0	1.2	...
157.20	-do- Far East	136 †	+3½	...	0.6	...
32.90	-do- Korea	141	-15	0.5	0.5	...
222.90	Dunedin Inc G	703 †	-13	26.1	4.6	∞
40.40	-do- Japan	101	-1	...	...	...
5.68	-do- Warrants	71	-½	...	...	...
263.00	-do- Wwde	785	-2	...	1.5	...
54.60	Dundee & Lon	325	-2	...	3.5	...
916.70	Edinburgh	372	-5½	8.5	3.4	...
540.10	Electra Inv	312	-3	...	2.8	...
177.20	Electric Gen	196	-7	3.1	2.0	...
1.55	English Scot	118 ‡	-1	...	...	...
81.00	European Asset	325 †	-6	...	1.7	∞
37.90	Flasbury 'A'	158	...	3.0	2.4	...
208.90	Fleming Amer	319xd	-3½	...	0.6	...
57.20	Fleming Chinese	95	-½	...	...	...
6.84	-do- Warrants	57	+1	...	...	...
119.40	-do- Claver	224	-5	...	3.1	...
229.90	Do Contl	352	-7	2.7	1.0	...
93.60	-do- Enrp	234 †	-1	...	2.6	...
512.60	-do- F East	339	-11	1.1	0.4	...
49.40	-do- Fledg	392 †	-1½	3.0	1.0	∞
33.50	-do- Hi Inc	103xd	-1½	...	5.3	...
447.60	-do- Japan	259	...	...	0.2	...
434.90	-do- Merc	301 †	-8	6.7	2.8	∞
409.00	-do- Overs	308 †	-1	4.2	1.7	...
1,480.40	Foreign & Col	276 †	-9	3.5	1.6	∞
111.60	-do- Emg Mkts	111½	-4½	0.2	0.3	...
64.40	-do- Enterprise	69½	-1½	0.6	1.1	∞
146.30	-do- Eurotst	243	-3	...	0.6	...
48.70	-do- German	124	-5	0.5	0.5	...
349.30	-do- Pacific	328	-4	...	0.8	...
192.70	-do- Smaller	186½	+1	1.8	1.2	...
172.80	GT Japan	277	-4½	...	0.6	...
34.80	Genl Cons Cap	192	-7	...	...	...
39.80	-do- Inc	110 †	+1	...	9.9	...
44.40	Govett Am Smlr	178	+1	...	...	...
36.80	-do- Emg Mkts	109	-13	...	...	...
46.50	Govett High Inc	93	-4	...	7.0	...
945.10	-do- Oriental	359	...	0.9	0.3	...
289.70	-do- Strategy	295	-14	...	2.9	...
53.90	Greenfriar	409 †	-1	...	1.8	...
0.81	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
65.70	Herald	101	-½	...	...	...
343.90	Inv Cap	139	+½	...	4.6	...
31.30	I&S UK Smllr	108	-2	2.8	3.2	...
172.50	Kleinwort Chrt	213 †	-3½	...	3.0	...
196.50	-do- O'seas	245 †	-1½	3.4	1.7	∞
21.40	-do- Smlr	162	...	3.5	2.7	∞
167.10	Law Debenture	736	-12	19.2	3.3	∞
111.80	Majedie	213	-3	...	2.9	...
283.40	Merchants	277	-6½	11.0	5.0	∞
533.60	Mercury Euro Pv	464	+4	...	...	...
8,827.30	Merrill Lynch	2743½	-168½	...	...	...
410.50	Monks Inv Tst	529	-8	...	1.6	...
57.40	Morg Gren Inc	145	-½	...	3.9	...
2.52	Do Warrants	52	...	...	...	...
34.50	Murray Eist	130	-1	...	1.9	...
46.00	-do- Pf 1994	£280	...	...	...	...
1.98	-do- Warrants	39	...	...	...	...
18.80	Murray Euro	62½	...	0.2	0.6	∞
1.20	Do Wts	20	-½	...	...	...
301.00	Murray Income	287 †	+4	12.3	4.0	∞
422.10	-do- Intl	352 †	-7	11.6	4.1	∞
253.00	-do- Small	451	-17	...	1.2	...
6.72	-do- S/C Inc	84 †	+1	...	15.8	...
8.01	-do- S/C Cap	143	-3	...	...	...
1.76	-do- S/C Uts	3400 †	...	...	3.9	...
5.86	-do- S/C DP	154	...	...	...	...
83.20	-do- Vent	337	-1	...	4.0	...
31.70	Nwthrup Inc	81	-2	6.7	10.6	...
140.20	O'seas Inv Tst	368	-5	...	1.1	...
93.10	Pacific Assets	455 †	-18	1.2	0.3	∞
11.70	Do Warrants	360	-18	...	...	...
14.10	Personal Assets	9250	...	190	2.6	...
312.00	RIT Cap Ptnr	174	-3	1.1	0.8	...
23.30	River & Merc	116 †	+1	...	9.8	∞
	Robeco	449	...	...	2.8	...
	Rolinco	448	...	...	1.7	...
117.00	St Andrew Inv	340 †	+2	7.8	2.9	∞
307.30	Scot American	164xd	-3½	...	3.5	...
57.30	Scott Asian	273	-10	...	...	...
5.46	do Warrants	780	-18	...	...	...
538.60	-do- Eastern	85	-1	1.5	2.4	∞
598.30	Scottish	228	-2½	...	2.7	...
790.00	-do- Mrge	221½	-6½	4.0	2.3	∞
62.20	-do- Value	133½	-1½	...	1.8	...
310.80	Second Allnce	1619 †	-36	...	3.0	...
301.10	Secs Tst of Scot	94	-½	3.2	4.3	...
50.30	Selective Asset	174 †	-1	...	1.0	...
58.20	Sphere Inv	48	-½	3.4	8.9	...
73.30	TR Far East	156 †	-4	...	4.0	...
398.70	TR City Of Lon	150	-3½	...	4.0	...
122.60	TR Pacific	183 †	-8	0.3	0.2	∞
106.60	TR Property	37½	-2	0.9	3.0	...
53.30	TR Tech Inv	146½	-½	1.7	1.5	...
366.90	TR Smlr Cos	207	-7	...	2.3	...
208.10	Temple Bar	358 †	-3	...	4.7	...
102.00	Thrmtn Asian E	107	-3	0.5	0.6	∞
240.10	Throgmorton	82 †	-3	...	3.5	...
17.10	Throg Dual Cp	488	-12	...	...	...
92.20	USDC Invest	352 †	-3	4.5	2.2	∞
49.40	Value Inc Tst	115½	-1½	4.0	4.3	...
657.40	Witan	228½	-4	...	3.2	...

LEISURE

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
442.70	Airtours	485	-17	...	2.3	16.6
19.80	Ald Leis	31	+4	...	12.1	10.1
254.50	Alpha Airpts	169	-6	...	3.0	19.3
292.30	Anglia TV	651	-9	...	1.8	30.2
18.10	Baldwin	95 †	-16	...	4.6	12.5
30.40	Barr & W 'A'	305	-26	10.0	4.1	19.7
50.70	Boosey Hwks	1300	...	22.0	2.1	19.5
15.80	Border TV▲	155	-10	3.6	2.9	12.6
15.80	Brent Walker	4½	-½	...	...	...
7.47	Bristol Scots	123	...	...	...	...
7.25	Buckingham Int	6	-½	...	...	...
6.51	Campari	53	-3	8.7	20.6	...
283.60	Capital Radio	400	+6	...	1.8	35.3
2,045.30	Carlton Comm	901 †	-62	...	2.6	21.5
19.70	Castle Comm▲	292	-3	...	3.9	19.1
786.80	Central TV	2925	...	39.0	1.7	31.9
42.10	Chrysalis	161 †	+20	3.2	2.5	...
649.10	Compass Gp	380 ‡	+5	...	2.2	20.1
67.30	Eurocamp	256 †	...	9.7	4.8	10.6
675.20	Euro Disney	397½	-15½	...	2.9	...
25.80	Euro Leisure	3½	...	...	...	...
39.50	Ex-Lands	35½	-½	...	1.2	...
12.40	Fairline Boats	354 †	-20	...	3.7	33.3
508.20	First Leisure	311 †	-2	...	2.6	21.1
339.40	Flextech▲	364	-36	0.5	0.2	...
55.30	GWR Gp▲	873 †	-30	...	1.3	31.6
36.10	Grampian	256	-19	6.5	3.2	17.7
1.12	Greenwich Comm▲	16	...	...	...	...
115.80	HTV Group	134	-8	1.0	0.9	∞
44.20	Hi-Tec Sports	91	-1	...	3.1	...
31.30	Kunick	13	-2½	...	...	12.2
738.50	LWT Hldgs	714	-25	...	0.9	33.0
31.60	Man Utd	669	-30	...	3.6	27.0
14.90	Northern	46	-2	...	...	8.9
188.80	Owners Abrd	121 †	-1	3.5	3.6	∞
39.00	The Pelican Gp	86	+2	1.1	1.6	20.2
14.60	Prism Leisure▲	173	-2	3.5	2.5	16.1
13.90	Quadrant Grp	38	...	...	...	...
19.10	Ramsdens (H)	223 †	-5	4.5	2.5	∞
46.80	Scott Radio▲	520	-30	...	2.3	23.2
246.30	Scot TV	511	-17	10.3	2.5	23.2
43.90	SelecTV▲	30½	-3	...	...	...
27.20	Southern Radio	96	-5	...	1.6	42.5
178.80	Stanley Leisure	336 †	-14	...	2.0	27.2
7.43	Sunset & Vine	130	-20	3.5	3.4	19.9
1,284.80	Tanjong	345½	...	...	0.5	18.7
15.50	Ticketing▲	1½	...	...	...	...
13.00	Tottenham Hot	88	...	...	3.1	31.0
58.50	Trans World▲	150 †	-9	1.3	1.1	54.7
69.40	Ulster TV	661	-14	12.0	2.3	20.3
106.70	Verdon	148 †	-2	1.1	1.0	∞
157.90	Yorkshire TV	314	-15	...	1.3	...
8.22	Zetters Gp	125	...	8.0	8.0	14.1

MINING

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
7,145.90	Ang Am	3071½	-203½	...	2.3	26.0
528.00	Ang Am Coal	1100	...	...	4.4	10.8
1,443.20	Ang Am Gold	5978½	-18½	...	3.7	26.8
26.80	Anglo Pac Res▲	34½	+½	...	...	...
45.80	Balrychik	305	-13	...	...	...
37.90	Blyvoors	129	-7½	...	...	...
4.21	Bracken	30	-½	...	28.4	5.3
79.50	Buffels	726½	-4½	...	8.9	6.5
7.64	Bute	5½	-½	...	...	...
4,800.20	CRA	824½	-17½	...	2.5	26.3
34.90	Cluff Res	48	-1	...	...	...
5,774.40	De Beers	1518½	-118½	...	3.6	∞
109.70	Deelkraal	110½	+6	...	1.8	8.1
17.40	Doornfontein	43½	-½	...	...	...
1,771.00	Driefontein	868	+62	...	3.8	14.3
14.60	Durban	626	+55	...	...	...
65.30	E Rand Gold	142½	+12½	...	7.7	4.2
116.30	E Rand Prop	87½	-½	...	...	...
396.60	Elandsrand	409	+22½	...	4.8	∞
1,231.50	FS Cons	1035	+86½	...	6.2	13.3
8.22	FS Dev	37	-1	...	...	...
1,387.00	GFSA	1437½	+6½	...	2.8	24.2
1,383.80	Gencor	137	-11	...	4.9	15.2
388.30	GM Kalgoorli	68½	...	...	3.0	28.2
12.30	Greenwich R 'A'	15	-½	...	...	...
16.40	Grootvlei	143½	+12½	...	0.9	9.0
105.50	Harmony	394	+14½	...	...	...
418.80	Hartles	374	+31½	...	7.6	9.3
31.00	Inco	15	-½	...	...	12.4
644.00	Impala Plat	1018½	+3½	...	2.7	33.3
10.50	Kenmare Res▲	14	-½	...	...	...
195.20	Kinross	1084½	+100½	...	3.7	22.0
1,006.50	Kloof	726½	+16½	...	3.4	8.6
14.70	Leslie	92½	+6½	...	12.3	4.9
38.80	Loraine	237	-1½	...	...	...
174.20	Lydenburg	1100	...	...	1.9	...
2,139.60	MIM	152½	+1½	...	1.5	66.5
3,588.70	Minorco	1504	+23	...	3.6	17.9
1,120.30	Nth Brkn Hill	169½	-2½	...	3.0	26.0
601.40	Orange Free	2871½	+237½	...	4.8	15.8
9,095.10	RTZ	854 †	-10	...	3.0	26.2
160.30	Rand Mines	268½	...	...	4.2	10.2
436.90	Randfontein	717½	+63	...	5.7	7.2
453.30	Renison	228	-7	...	2.0	23.6
1,516.80	Rustnbrg	1209½	-36½	...	2.7	22.7
65.10	St Helena	676½	+17	...	6.2	14.2
594.70	Southvaal	2287½	+62½	...	4.1	24.8
12.50	Stilfontein	95½	+9½	...	21.6	17.6
38.10	Unisel	129	+2½	...	3.4	12.3
8,133.20	Vaal Reefs	6828½	+78½	...	3.9	∞
246.40	Welkom	697	+67	...	4.8	15.6
245.50	Western Areas	609	+14½	...	4.3	4.2
809.20	Western Deep	3031½	+165½	...	2.6	∞
3,393.80	Wstrn Mining	347½	+8½	...	1.5	...
94.60	Winkels	775	-37½	...	8.9	7.4
69.90	Zambia Copper	57	-2	...	...	...
67.70	Zandpan	52	...	...	8.9	17.2

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5.46	Abbey Panels	223	...	...	...	...
4.12	Airflow Stream	115	...	3.0	3.3	11.1
93.30	Appleyard	152	-5	5.5	4.6	∞
16.80	Blenchley Mtr	365	-8	...	3.1	18.5
94.30	Bostrom	221	-9	6.0	3.4	39.1
1,916.50	Br Aerospace	507 †	+3	...	2.0	44.6
56.00	Burndene	53	+8	...	4.1	14.2
13.40	Caffyns	405	-3	11.5	3.5	21.4
32.80	Claverdale	18	-2½	0.1	1.1	∞
14.80	Central Mtrs	111 †	-5	...	4.5	27.4
15.00	Craft (DC)▲	35	-2	0.9	3.2	19.9
435.00	Cowie (T)	304 †	-14	...	3.2	16.9
42.40	Dag Motors	179 †	-2½	...	4.5	∞
24.40	Davnpt Vern	130 †	-2	...	4.0	12.9
32.20	ERF	328	-2	2.0	0.8	...
54.00	European Mtr	144	-4	...	3.2	20.2
115.30	Evans Halshaw	534	-15	13.0	3.1	∞
210.10	FR Group	279	...	...	3.2	13.0
20,201.70	Ford Motor	4109½	-81½	...	...	...
27,666.80	General Mtr	3893½	-162½	...	1.4	...
6.89	Gowrings	76	-3	2.0	3.3	...
148.30	Henlys	373 ‡	-11½	...	3.0	∞
10,523.40	Honda Motor	1080½	-37½	...	0.8	...
4.44	Jacks (Wm)	41	...	...	...	...
8.74	Jessups	90	...	4.5	6.2	...
280.70	Kwik-Fit	169	+1	...	2.8	∞
485.90	Lex Service	513	-22	...	3.1	∞
47.50	Lookers	248 †	-16	...	3.3	24.2
1,451.00	Lucas	195	-34	...	4.5	...
23.50	Malaya Grp	26½	-½	...	...	...
109.60	Pendragon	284	-22	7.2	3.2	∞
58.20	Perry Gp	232	-2	7.0	3.8	∞
42.90	Quicks Group	187	-26	...	3.4	∞
2,254.60	Rolls-Royce	184½	-4	...	3.4	∞
1,165.30	T & N	232	-7	...	5.8	∞
141.40	Trinity Hldgs	275	-3	...	2.5	25.7
91.90	Vardy (Reg)	201 †	-10	...	2.7	23.7
324.50	Westland	317½	-7½	...	1.8	22.3

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
48.40	Adscene	305 †	-18	5.7	2.3	31.2
5.20	Black (A&C)	335	...	13.5	5.0	13.7
309.20	Blenheim Gp	338	-3	...	3.5	12.8
66.80	Bristol	410	...	...	3.7	37.0
74.90	Daily Mail	1496½	...	...	1.2	35.1
1,255.00	Daily Mail 'A'	1259½	...	...	1.3	29.5
161.00	Dorling Kind	261	-3	...	1.6	23.5
3,900.10	Elsevier	5946½	-234½	...	3.1	∞
718.30	EMAP	414	-20	...	2.4	25.5
333.90	Euromoney Pb	1625	+25	...	2.9	28.6
16.50	Harrington K	164	-10	4.9	3.8	∞
70.00	Haynes Pub	448 †	-2	...	2.0	25.3
142.50	Hodder H'line	408	+6	5.1	1.6	34.7
15.00	Home Counts	150	-15	5.2	4.4	...
72.20	Intl Bus Comm	185	-8	...	...	26.8
7.43	Intl Cm & Data	11½	-1½	...	...	...
390.60	Independent	498 †	+8	...	2.8	∞
204.80	Johnstne Press	665	-2	6.5	1.2	28.8
37.50	Metal Bulletn	379 †	-1	...	3.3	22.0
893.40	Mirror Gp	173	-21	...	...	12.6
8,266.20	News Corp	449½	+5	...	0.3	...
1,864.70	News Intl	270	-9	...	0.6	16.6
3,498.80	Pearson	635	-18	...	2.4	34.5
90.60	Portsmth Sund	755	...	...	1.6	20.8
4,670.20	Reed Int	831	-38	18.7	2.9	∞
37.90	Southnews	247	-3	2.3	1.2	45.7
88.20	Sterling Pub▲	193 †	-7	...	2.0	23.5
818.30	Telegraph	607	-13	...	2.7	19.5
5,039.60	Thomson Corp	885	+10	30.1	4.3	44.2
311.70	Trinity Intl	455	...	9.7	2.7	∞
1.53	Unit Group▲	30	...	...	...	...
1,583.60	Utd Nwspapers	649	-39	...	4.4	∞

OILS, GAS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
69.30	Aran Energy	26½	-½	...	...	25.8
23.00	Arcon Intl▲	40	-2	...	...	...
	Ass Oil & Gas	71½	-3	...	...	...
18.30	Aviva Pet	58	...	...	...	...
2.44	Beverley	7	-½	...	...	69.6
101.20	Br Borneo	225	+1	7.1	4.0	∞
13,178.40	British Gas	304	-½	...	6.1	...
20,350.90	Br Petroleum	373 †	+5½	...	2.8	31.2
16.90	Bula Resources	2½	...	...	...	...
1,593.20	Burmah Castl	817	-20	...	3.9	19.1
40.80	Cairn Energy	63	-1	...	...	9.0
333.80	Calor Gp	317	-4	...	4.7	17.3
143.80	Clyde Pet	36	-½	...	...	...
34.90	Copiex Res	21	+1½	...	...	...
8.17	Edin Oil & Gas▲	23½	...	...	...	25.4
2,061.50	Enterprise	419	+8	...	4.8	21.6
136.00	Exp Co Louis	72	-7	...	...	...
57.10	Fairhaven Ind	23½	-1½	...	5.3	∞
55.50	Fortune	5½	-½	...	...	...
80.80	Goal Pet	67	...	1.4	2.7	12.5
43.00	Gt Western Res	38	...	...	...	...
178.40	Hardy O & G	158	...	...	0.8	14.7
77.00	Kelt Energy	90	...	...	...	...
938.20	LASMO	125	-5	1.3	1.3	∞
4.54	-do- Units	64	-1	9.4	14.9	...
7.27	Mid Scot Res▲	3½	-1	...	...	...
411.90	Monument	62	-½	...	...	...
6.14	New London	5	-½	...	...	...
15.20	Nth Sea Assets	28	...	1.1	4.9	∞
122.40	Oil Search	40	-2	...	...	...
	Petrox	38	-9½	...	...	...
82.00	Pict Pet	150	-2	...	...	...
136.70	Premier	25	-½	...	...	9.2
32.60	Presidio	128	...	...	3.2	...
393.80	Ranger	400	+50	...	4.0	...
38,337.90	Royal Dutch Pt	6778½	-187½	...	4.5	∞
9,278.40	Schlumberger	3851½	-71½	...	2.1	...
28.20	Seafield	35	...	...	...	∞
21,746.40	Shell	686 †	-18½	...	4.6	∞
3.95	Sunrise Eng Sv	135	...	...	...	...
27.20	Triton Europe	33	...	...	...	...
18.80	Villers Grp	16	-½	...	...	...
1,248.40	Woodside	187½	-5½	...	1.9	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
29.90	AG Holdings	180	-2	...	4.0	13.0
82.50	API	394	-5	...	2.6	24.7
2,420.60	Arjo Wiggins	297	-2	...	3.8	∞
101.30	Abbott Mead	688	-17	10.5	1.9	∞
201.50	Aegis Gp	25	-1	...	...	...
25.20	Aspen Comm▲	185	-9	4.9	3.4	∞
1.09	BBB Design▲	24	...	...	...	...
142.80	Bemrose	452	-8	...	3.2	20.6
9.06	Birkdale	10	-1½	...	...	...
707.90	Bunzl	187	-14	4.1	3.1	∞
51.90	CIA Gp	390	...	5.1	1.7	∞
42.60	Capital Inds	154	-16	...	...	...
6.18	City of Lon▲	80	...	...	0.0	14.8
35.60	Cropper (James)	432	...	3.2	0.3	41.7
9.41	Delyn Group	111	-1	1.6	1.9	14.9
29.50	Dolphin Pack	125	...	4.5	4.3	20.8
9.57	Dudley Jenkins▲	80 †	...	...	4.9	17.5
27.80	Elswick	13½	-½	...	2.8	15.1
30.80	Fairway Group▲	100 †	+11	...	4.3	20.4
126.80	Ferguson Intl	415	+2	...	3.4	18.8
19.50	Ferry Pick	145 †	...	...	4.8	∞
50.30	Filofax▲	213 †	-10	...	0.9	27.5
4.27	Fitch	12	...	...	...	...
13.30	Gibbon Lyons▲	147	+1	5.2	4.4	16.6
48.30	Gold Greenless	178 †	-8	8.4	6.0	15.9
12.50	Goodhead	31	...	...	0.2	∞
12.70	Hunterprint	22	-5	...	...	...
6.69	Intereurope	130 †	-2	...	7.5	11.7
60.60	Jarvis Porter	285	...	...	2.1	20.8
15.40	Lopex	29	...	...	...	...
11.50	MMT	32½	-1½	...	...	...
136.20	Mom O'Ferrall	419	-4	13.2	4.0	∞
53.30	NMC Group	121	...	2.7	2.8	18.7
17.90	Osborne & Little	293	-2	...	2.2	32.2
11.50	Osprey Comms	44	-5	...	0.2	...
413.40	Portals	638	-3	...	3.2	18.2
7.23	Premier Hlth	2½	-½	...	...	...
58.30	Quarto	317	-15	...	2.3	14.5
384.10	St Ives Gp	388	-2	...	1.8	25.6
305.90	Saatchi	139	-10	...	...	27.4
839.80	Sappi	559½	-70½	...	5.9	10.6
20.40	Senff	27½	-1½	...	...	...
47.90	Shandwick	57	-2½	...	...	...
757.50	Smith David	490	-29	...	2.6	33.4
1,581.00	Smurfit (Jeff)	325	...	...	1.6	7.8
2.24	Sonic	112	...	2.5	2.8	45.9
52.20	Sus-Plus	243	-6	8.2	4.6	∞
67.80	Taylor Nelson	31	-½	0.3	1.3	26.0
10.70	VTR▲	136	-5	...	3.4	28.5
598.60	WPP	115	...	...	1.1	16.6
192.70	Wace	245	+3	...	1.8	∞
202.60	Waddington (J)	252	-2	...	4.0	18.9
326.20	Watmough	489	-18	6.6	1.7	∞
4.54	Westport▲	3½	-½	...	...	...
2.05	Whitney Mck▲	31	-4	...	...	...
16.80	Wyndeham	102 †	-1	...	1.8	21.9

PROPERTY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
79.30	Allied Lon	114	...	...	4.0	29.2
30.00	Arcadian	43	...	...	...	...
26.90	Ascot Hldgs	7½	-½	...	...	...
93.70	Asda	119	...	...	2.3	12.5
70.20	Avonside	162	-12	...	3.3	∞
7,736.60	BCE▲	2525	-75	...	...	...
286.70	Bilton	657	-47	16.9	3.6	23.6
56.30	Bourne End	106	+4	...	1.2	∞
316.10	Bradford	220	-17	5.9	3.4	22.3
6.97	Bredero	19	+2	...	...	...
1,232.90	Br Land	410	+1	...	2.2	37.4
495.80	Brixton	214	-4	...	4.9	17.0
394.20	Burford	99 ‡	-3	...	1.8	31.9
857.40	Cap & Regnl▲	187 †	-1	...	1.0	∞
8.27	Cardiff Prop	300	-15	...	1.0	67.1
290.30	Chelsfield	160	-10	...	1.9	...
123.50	Chesterfield	630	-20	11.5	2.3	45.1
11.20	City Site Ests	73	-4	...	...	...
14.10	Clarke Nickolls	26	...	...	...	...
5.93	Compco	285	...	12.9	6.0	61.8
47.90	Conrad Rhlat GS	40 †	-6	...	...	...
264.10	Daejan	1620	-5	...	2.1	30.0
5.60	Dares Estates	16	-1	...	...	...
55.70	Debenham Twsn	134	-3	...	3.1	25.4
7.08	De Morgan	15	...	...	...	...
31.70	Dencora	178	-4	3.0	2.1	...
73.70	Derwent Hldgs	633	-55	9.1	1.8	∞
77.60	Development Sec	36	-2½	...	...	...
28.70	Dwyer	56	-1	...	...	...
27.60	Estates Agency	460	...	...	2.1	54.7
7.59	Estates Gen	35½	...	...	...	...
145.90	Evans Of Leeds	180	-9	...	2.7	19.4
31.20	Five Oaks	32	-2½	...	...	...
8.60	Fletcher King	76	-1	1.0	1.6	50.4
233.30	Frogmore	462	-9	...	4.4	22.1
58.90	Grainger	294	-22	...	2.2	52.5
699.00	Gt Portland	216	-11	...	4.6	20.7
133.00	Greycoat	17	-3	...	...	...
4,799.90	HK Land	178½	-22½	...	4.9	∞
217.20	Hambro Cntryw	66	-7	0.7	1.4	∞
913.60	Hammerson	364	-17	10.0	3.4	36.8
55.70	Helical Bar	343	-12	...	1.8	12.5
56.10	Hemingway	34½	-2½	...	...	...
10.40	Herring Baker	65	-6	3.7	7.2	16.3
4.90	Jermyn	245	...	...	...	...
3,325.20	Land Sec	652	-42	23.1	4.4	19.4
248.10	Lon Merch Sec	102	-1	4.0	4.9	15.9
6.82	Lon & Metro	15	+1	...	...	...
1,021.70	MEPC	470	-30	...	3.3	27.0
6.93	McInerney A	11½	-½	...	...	...
40.70	McKay Secs	170 †	-5	3.5	2.6	23.3
7.33	Markheath	6 #	...	...	...	...
10.70	Merivale Mre	78	...	...	...	...
14.50	Moorfield Es	43	-2	...	...	...
58.00	Mountview	1285xd	-100	22.0	2.2	13.2
164.00	Muckiow (A&J)	168	-4	...	4.7	23.9
9.66	Olives Prop	50	-4	...	...	...
22.90	OKB	1½	...	...	...	...
194.40	PSIT	180 †	-5	4.3	3.4	31.7
266.50	Peel	334 †	-8	4.3	1.6	...
8.72	Power Corp	7½	...	...	...	...
6.83	Property Trust	36	-4	...	...	10.3
42.40	Regian	45	-1	...	...	...
40.40	Regalian	34½	...	...	...	...
21.20	Rowlinson Secs	170	-3	1.5	1.1	21.2
60.20	St Modwen Prp	50 †	-3	...	2.5	20.9
66.00	Saville Grdn (I)	66 †	-2	...	3.3	32.9
32.50	Savills	90	-3	...	2.4	35.6
116.10	Scot Met	89	-3	...	2.1	...
61.50	Shaftesbury	126	-7	...	...	...
1.59	Shield	16½	-½	...	...	8.6
977.10	Slough Estates	254	-15	8.1	4.1	∞
83.80	Southend Prop	78	-9	...	3.8	...
64.70	Stanhope Prps▲	39	-2	...	...	...
107.70	Tops Ests	233 †	-7	2.1	1.1	...
149.70	Town Centre	146	-1	...	3.0	25.9
68.60	Trafford Park	108	+10	...	3.6	23.0
1.60	UK Land	37	-3	...	...	...
17.40	Union Square	9	...	...	...	...
121.00	Warner	249 †	-4	...	3.5	22.1
95.20	Warnford	248 †	...	7.5	3.8	18.2
2.76	Waterglade	2½	-½	...	...	...
126.50	Wates	82	-6	...	...	...
7.79	Wood John D▲	95	-6	...	1.0	...

SHOES, LEATHER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2.22	Automagic▲	39	-6	...	...	...
80.90	Headlam	230	...	...	1.6	51.9
20.90	Lambert	350	-35	13.7	5.0	∞
13.70	Pittards	63	-2	1.5	3.0	18.0
40.90	Strong & Fisher	24	-1	1.0	5.4	∞
45.20	Stylo	236	-5	...	1.6	...
24.20	UK Safety	63	-3	2.6	5.3	∞

TEXTILES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
192.20	Allied Text	554 ‡	-14	...	2.9	19.2
7.45	Beckman (A)	61	-4	...	7.3	13.1
3.66	Bolton Gp	40	+1	...	...	...
27.10	Br Mohair	204	-1	8.5	5.4	∞
3.31	Chartwell▲	53	-5	...	...	...
154.30	Claremont Ga	380	...	7.1	2.7	∞
553.50	Courtauld Text	548	-19	14.2	3.3	∞
2.33	Cupid▲	13	-3	...	...	...
243.70	Dawson	156	+2	...	6.1	11.9
5.83	Drummond	33	-1	...	...	...
4.11	Faupel▲	78	...	4.9	7.9	12.1
3.04	Foster (John)	22	...	...	...	...
8.02	Gaskell	165	-1	4.2	3.2	...
37.10	Hicking Pntcst	225	-10	...	2.3	15.9
4.53	Jerome (S)	60	-5	...	0.4	...
130.30	Lamont	433	-25	12.0	3.5	28.6
93.80	Leeds	328	-8	...	2.2	17.3
6.13	Lyles (S)	85	-1	...	4.9	...
45.90	Magellan	180	+3	1.4	1.0	...
20.30	Parkland	230	-3	...	0.9	...
207.60	Readicut	107	-2	...	4.0	20.2
2.45	SEET	61	-5	...	...	...
67.70	Sirdar	126½	-8½	...	3.4	8.6
54.20	Stirling Gp	62	-1	1.9	3.8	17.2
26.00	Stoddard	37	...	...	3.1	34.4
19.80	Tomkinsons	319	...	...	8.5	27.1
17.80	West Trust	42 †	-1	...	8.0	...
25.70	Yorklyde	257	-2	...	2.6	16.8

TOBACCOS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
13,947.90	BAT	453	-19	...	5.7	13.2
2,641.90	Rothmans	398	-14	...	3.9	12.5

TRANSPORT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,067.30	Assoc Br Ports	568 †	-17	...	2.0	∞
5,079.80	BAA	998	-7	...	2.1	24.8
106.00	Badgerline	114	-5	...	4.5	∞
3,982.90	Br Airways	417½	-9	...	3.2	17.5
21.50	Clarkson (H)	96	...	1.7	2.3	...
1,409.00	Eurotunnel Uts	523	-12	...	...	...
13.20	Fisher (James)	55	-30	0.5	1.1	14.8
46.50	Iold Steam	310	+21	...	3.4	16.3
11.90	Jacobs (H)	54	+5	3.3	7.8	∞
75.30	Lon O'Seas Frts	103	...	...	1.3	18.9
306.00	Mersey Docks	444 †	-21	9.0	2.5	∞
108.00	Natl Express	270	-4	...	3.5	∞
1,621.60	NFC	234 †	-13	...	3.8	33.7
445.60	Ocean Group	289	-17	...	6.2	...
33.00	Ocean Wilson	83	...	4.0	6.0	15.0
4,232.70	P & O Dfd	709	+30	...	5.4	∞
106.00	P & O 5 1/2%	159	+1	...	4.3	...
438.90	Powell Duffryn	642	-7	...	3.2	21.0
22.30	Seacon▲	225 †	-1	...	3.2	20.4
218.80	Stagecoach	176	-18	...	2.7	21.4
563.50	TNT	99½	-4½	...	...	...
363.50	Tibbet & Britn	828	-7	12.6	1.9	31.8
54.20	Tiphook	49	+1	...	...	...
391.00	TDG	266 †	-11	...	4.5	∞
29.30	Ugland	122½	-4½	...	...	...

WATER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,474.60	Anglian Water	498 †	+5	...	5.4	8.8
61.60	Mid Kent Hldgs	360	-4	...	3.7	13.3
430.60	Northumbrian	636 †	-6	...	4.5	7.5
1,976.90	North West	530 †	-2	...	5.2	8.8
2,019.40	Severn Trent	562xd	-1½	...	4.8	8.2
953.10	Sthrn Water	568 †	+3	...	4.8	8.3
87.10	Sth Staffs	1555	-3	48.5	3.9	11.1
696.70	South West	555 †	-9	...	8.5	9.0
2,016.10	Thames Water	513	-17	...	5.2	9.0
925.60	Welsh Water	637 †	-19	...	4.7	6.4
832.60	Wessex Water	665 †	+4	...	4.2	10.6
1,086.50	Yorkshire W	514 †	-10	...	5.3	8.3

Source: Finstar

▲ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ‡ Ex all; § Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
1,100	Exch 13¼% 1994	100¼	-⅛	13.40	5.16
1,900	Treas 10% 1994	101	-⅛	9.90	5.03
1,240	Exch 12¼% 1994	103⅛	-⅛	12.13	4.97
1,900	Treas 9% 1994	102⅛	-⅛	8.78	5.07
2,350	Treas 12% 1995	105⅛	-⅛	11.38	5.28
214	Gas 3% 1990-95	97⅛xd	-⅛	3.07	3.09
2,500	Exch 10¼% 1995	105⅝	-⅛	9.68	5.60
840	Treas 12¾% 1995	110⅛	-⅛	11.51	5.74
770	Treas 14% 1996	113⅛	-⅛	12.31	5.91
1,150	Treas 15¼% 1996	117⅛	-1	12.98	6.21
800	Exch 13¼% 1996	115⅛	-⅛	11.64	6.25
3,409	Conv 10% 1996	108⅛	-1⅛	9.25	6.59
1,290	Treas 13¼% 1997	117⅛	-⅛	11.25	6.76
3,700	Exch 10½% 1997	109⅛	-1⅛	9.59	6.84
5,550	Treas 8¾% 1997	105⅛	-1⅛	8.30	6.91
830	Exch 15% 1997	124⅛ †	-2	12.04	7.10
3,550	Exch 9¾% 1998	108⅛	-1⅛	8.98	7.16
7,850	Treas 7¼% 1998	100⅛xd	-1⅛	7.21	7.11
1,200	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	100⅛xd	-1⅛	6.72	6.40
970	Treas 14% 1998-01	123¾	-1⅛	11.35	7.40
935	Treas 15½% 1998	131⅛xd †	-2	11.81	7.27
3,909	Exch 12% 1998	117⅝	-2⅛	10.20	7.49
1,900	Treas 9½% 1999	108⅞	-1⅛	8.74	7.36

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
3,900	Treas 6% 1999	95⅛ †	-1⅛	6.31	7.19
3,050	Exch 12¼% 1999	119⅛xd	-2⅛	10.26	7.58
1,252	Treas 10½% 1999	113⅛	-1⅛	9.28	7.45
1,798	Conv 10¼% 1999	112⅛	-1⅛	9.10	7.52
5,358	Conv 9% 2000	107⅛	-1½	8.40	7.52
3,171	Treas 13% 2000	125⅛	-2	10.32	7.76
3,250	Treas 7% 2001	96¾	-2	7.24	7.63
4,406	Treas 10% 2001	111⅛	-2⅛	8.94	7.80
6,527	Treas 9¾% 2002	111⅛	-2⅛	8.75	7.91
7,600	Treas 8% 2003	101⅛	-2⅛	7.88	7.83
2,503	Treas 10% 2003	113⅛	-3⅛	8.80	7.98
1,620	Treas 11½% 2001-04	118⅛	-2⅛	9.68	7.97
543	Fund 3½% 1999-04	75⅛	-2⅛	4.66	7.00
3,250	Treas 6¾% 2004	93	-2⅛	7.26	7.78
3,412	Conv 9½% 2004	111⅛ †	-3⅛	8.54	7.98
4,842	Conv 9½% 2005	111⅛ †	-3⅛	8.52	7.97
2,200	Treas 12½% 2003-05	128⅛	-3⅛	9.72	8.23
2,000	Treas 8% 2002-06	99⅛xd	-2⅛	8.01	7.95
3,900	Treas 7¾% 2006	97⅛	-2⅛	7.81	7.92
3,150	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	122⅛	-3⅛	9.61	8.21
5,497	Treas 8½% 2007	104⅛	-2⅛	8.12	7.96
1,250	Treas 13½% 2004-08	135⅛ †	-3⅛	9.94	8.24
5,321	Treas 9% 2008	109⅛ †	-3½	8.23	7.96

LONGS (over 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
3,100	Treas 8% 2009	100⅛ †	-3½	7.96	7.95
4,273	Conv 9% 2011	110⅛	-3⅛	8.17	7.98
5,150	Treas 9% 2012	110⅛	-3⅛	8.15	7.97
1,000	Treas 5½% 2008-12	78⅛	-2⅛	7.02	7.75
800	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	98⅛	-3⅛	7.87	7.92
4,950	Treas 8% 2013	100⅛xd	-3½	7.92	7.96
1,000	Exch 12% 2013-17	138⅛	-3⅛	8.69	8.16
6,950	Treas 8¾% 2017	108⅛	-3⅛	8.03	7.96

UNDATED

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
1,909	War Ln 3½%	43⅛	-1⅛	7.97	...
475	Treas 2½%	29⅛xd	-1⅛	8.42	...

INDEX-LINKED

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
500	Treas IL 2% 1994	137⅛	+⅛	...	...
1,200	Treas IL 2% 1996	198⅛	-1½	1.95	3.03
800	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	108 †	-1⅛	2.32	3.04
1,500	Treas IL 2½% 2001	168⅛	-2⅛	2.78	3.18
1,050	Treas IL 2½% 2003	164⅛	-2⅛	2.96	3.29
850	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	111⅛ †	-2⅛	3.05	3.35
1,550	Treas IL 2% 2006	172⅛	-2⅛	3.08	3.26
1,550	Treas IL 2½% 2009	155⅛	-2⅛	3.24	3.46
1,800	Treas IL 2½% 2011	161⅛	-2⅛	3.27	3.47
2,300	Treas IL 2½% 2013	137⅛	-2⅛	3.32	3.50
2,400	Treas IL 2½% 2016	142⅛	-2⅛	3.36	3.53
2,400	Treas IL 2½% 2020	137 †	-2⅛	3.41	3.56
1,900	Treas IL 2½% 2024	114⅛	-2⅛	3.40	3.53

Inspectors lobby for improved safety rules

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S 2,500 private industrial safety inspectors say they have detected a new industrial health risk: the Government's Deregulation Bill.

The inspectors, who carry out statutory checks on lifts, boilers, cranes and such, have banded together for the first time since the industrial revolution to lobby for the retention of Britain's health and safety regime.

They fear that the Bill, now in its committee stage, will give open-ended powers to Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, to abolish the statutory checks introduced in response to more than a century of experience operating hazardous plant and equipment.

If that happens, they say, many more people will be killed and maimed in industrial accidents and premiums for employers' liability insurance, already climbing fast, will go through the roof.

Many employers are backing retention of a powerful statutory regime because it helps them to identify their responsibilities and limit their liabilities.

Inspect, the new consortium of independent inspecting companies, has begun lobbying for the inclusion of a clause in the Deregulation Bill obliging ministers to uphold the principle that any new health and safety measure must demonstrably improve on the existing regime.

The principle, centuries old, predates the formation of Britain's first private inspection service by a group of Lancashire cotton mill owners in a bid to curtail the all-too-frequent explosions of boilers in their mills.

These inspectors soon found their work inextricably bound with that of insurance companies, and each of the eight leading inspection firms which make up Inspect has since been acquired by a composite insurer because of their role in risk assessment. But their inspectors, four times as numerous as the Government's own factory inspectors, continue to operate independently and competitively.

Each day, their members carry out 30,000 inspections. Insurance claims evidence suggests the early discovery of faults saves about £900 million a year in claims, for a cost of under £100 million in inspection fees.

Ken Sinfield, managing director of National Vulcan Engineering Insurance Group, an inspection group, and chairman of Inspect, said that despite assurances from the DTI that statutory checks would be retained, the Bill would give open-ended powers to ministers to tighten or relax the safety regime. He feared firms would be ordered to make their own risk assessments — a task beyond the capability of many small ones.

"Small firms are already struggling to keep up with their requirements," he said. "The last thing small firms want is uncertainty. They want to know what they have got to do to comply," he said.



Heseltine: powers feared

Next looks poised to display double-breasted figures

NEXT, the fashion retailer led by David Jones, should please the market — healthy sales growth is widely expected to help it report a doubled dividend and almost-doubled full-year profits tomorrow.

Julie Ramshaw, at Morgan Stanley, the American securities house, expects strong sales from the Next Retail chain to help final pre-tax profits jump to £71.5 million (£36.2 million). Market forecasts range from £67 million to £72 million. A doubled dividend of 5p (2.5p) is predicted.

Next Retail will have benefited from strong Christmas trading, and indicated 18 per cent second-half sales growth in an upbeat statement in January. Annual sales are expected to have risen about 17 per cent, while profits are forecast to jump to £43.5 million (£24.4 million).

Next Directory, the catalogue division, is likely to have seen more modest sales growth of about 9 per cent, with profits expected to climb to £8.6 million (£6.4 million).

Next had net cash of about £120 million, but in spite of last Friday's astute purchase from the receivers of most of Clydesdale Financial Services assets for £23.5 million, Next's management is unlikely to embark on a spending spree.

REPORTING THIS WEEK



David Jones, head of Next, has a ready-to-wear smile

TODAY

Pearson, whose empire spans the *Financial Times*, Madame Tussauds and Alton Towers, is expected to turn in £212.1 million final pre-tax profits (£150.8 million), according to NatWest Securities.

Market forecasts range from £205 million to £220 million. A maintained total dividend of 12p was forecast by the group at the time of the Royal Doulton demerger.

The City will be looking for signs of higher advertising revenue, while Lazard Freres, Pearson's investment banking arm, should turn in a solid performance. Good contributions are also expected from Longman's educational books and Penguin.

There should be further encouraging news at BSkyB, where Pearson has a 17.5 per cent stake. BSkyB should chip in about £7 million.

Inchcape, the international services, marketing and motor distribution group, is expected to report full-year pre-tax profits ahead to £262 million (£250.1 million), according to Kleinwort Benson. Market forecasts range from £255 million to £280 million, excluding a £16 million exceptional gain. The dividend is predicted to rise to 14.5p-15p (13.75p).

Acquisitions and a relatively buoyant UK car market are likely to be the main positive features. Analysts are looking for some indication of how margins are holding up in the battered European car markets, while there could be interesting comments on operations in China, and on the effect recession is having in Japan.

Interims: Graystone, MY Holdings, Scottish Metropolitan. **Finals:** Automated Security, Bemrose Corporation, Blagden Industries, EBC Group, Edinburgh Fund Managers, Forth Ports, Global Group, Headlam Group, Inchcape, Isle of Man Steam Packet, Nelson Hurst, Nestor-BNA, Pearson, RJB Mining, Roxboro Group, Royal Doulton, Rutland Trust, Scholl, Schroder Split Fund, Sharpe & Fisher, Sherwood Group, Steel Burrill Jones, Taylor Nelson AGB, Thompson Clive Investments, T & S Stores. **Economic statistics:** Overseas direct investment (1992), major British banking groups' monthly mortgage lending (February).

TOMORROW

The construction sector will again be the focus of attention. Analysts expect **Taylor Woodrow** to bounce back from large write-downs on its commercial and property portfolios last time. It is expected to return to the black with final pre-tax profits between £25 million and £27.5 million, against a restated loss of £94.5 million last time, which included £51.5 million of property provisions.

Next's results may raise hopes for recovery prospects in the high street, but figures from **Alexon**, the fashion group, will paint a contrasting picture. Alexon is expected to report losses of about £11.8 million, against a deficit of £12.2 million last time. The dividend is likely to be passed (3p). New management has been installed after a boardroom clear-out last year.

Full-year profits from **Hickson International**, the protection coatings and fine chemicals group, are likely to drop to £20 million, from last time's £24.3 million, according to Smith New Court. Market forecasts range from £20 million to £24 million.

Interims: Lloyd Thompson, Thorpe (FW). **Finals:** Bailey (CH), Bardon Group, Blenheim Group, Brake Brothers, Co-operative Bank, Croda International, Estates & General, FBD Holdings, Glanchewton, Henderson Highland Trust, Hickson International, Hodder Headline, Jeyes Group, Johnston Group, Jourdan (Thomas), Macfarlane Group, Metsec, NB Smaller Companies Trust, Next, OIS International Inspection, Psion Group, Ropner, Rotork, Servomex, Taylor Woodrow, Tibbett & Britten Group, Transtec, Ulster Television, Waterford Wedgwood; Watts, Blake, Beame & Co.

WEDNESDAY

Analysts expect **Caradon**, the building materials group, to unveil virtually flat full-year profits. Market forecasts range from £124 million to £126 million pre-tax, compared with £125.7 million last time.

Interims: Bridport-Gundry, Pressac Holdings. **Finals:** BLP Group, British Alcan Aluminium, British Fittings Group, Caradon, Geskell, Grampian Holdings, Great Southern Group, Harrisons & Crosfield, Higgs & Hill, Hogg Group, Johnston Press, Lec Refrigeration, Martin Currie Pacific, Mayflower Corp, Meggitt, Ocean Group, Princedale Group, Roskel, Russell (Alexander), Senior Engineering, Spirax-Sarco Engineering, Thailand Intnl Fund, Tilbury Douglas, Waterford Foods, Wilson (Connolly) Holdings.

THURSDAY

Redland, the building materials group, should post a useful increase in profits for 1993, with BZW predicting a rise to £265 million (£221.5 million). Market forecasts range from £240 million to £275 million. An unchanged total dividend of 25p is expected.

Finals: African Lakes Corp, Ash & Lacy, Boxmore International, Calor Group, Cementone, Clarkson (Horace), Martin Intl Holdings, Murray Ventures, Redland, Tanjong.

Economic statistics: Energy trends (January), economic trends (March), monthly digest of statistics (March).

PHILIP PANGALOS

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Banesto shareholders agree to restructuring

AT A nine-hour annual meeting of Banesto, 98 per cent of its shareholders voted in favour of the restructuring plan which includes a nominal share price reduction from 800 pesetas (£3.90) to 400 pesetas. A majority also voted to open the way for legal action to be taken against the previous board and Mario Conde, its chairman, for the banking fiasco. The Bank of Spain intervened in December. JP Morgan, the New York investment bank, which advised Conde and last year arranged a $1.2 billion equity offering, did not support the motion for a judicial enquiry. It holds 7.9 per cent of Banesto, some through its Corsair fund.

Now three leading Spanish contenders for the auction of Banesto by the Bank of Spain, are lined up: BBV, Argentaria and Santander. Whoever wins, and BBV is strongly tipped, will have to maintain Banesto's 2,500 branches for at least four years. Bids in sealed envelopes are due by May 9.

Rover bonus for BMW

BMW, the German car maker, has inherited an asset worth up to £200 million as a result of its takeover of Britain's Rover group. The asset is the surplus in Rover's £1.8 billion pension fund, which BMW took control of when it paid British Aerospace £800 million for 80 per cent of Rover. BAe said the fund, which covers about 110,000 members, was in surplus but that "the position of contributors and pensioners has been protected; our trustees and actuaries are satisfied". Some firms faced with pension fund surpluses take a contributions holiday, others have taken money from their pension funds.

Andersen merger talks

ARTHUR Andersen, the world's largest accountancy firm by fee income, is in merger talks with BDO Binder Hamlyn, a smaller rival. Binders was approached by Jim Wadia, Andersen's UK senior partner, two weeks ago and talks are progressing. A meeting is scheduled for today at which Binders' regional partners will discuss the merger. Andersens' fee income grew 8 per cent in the year to August 31, 1993, to exceed $6 billion, to become the world's biggest accountancy fee earner. Last year, Binders lifted fee income 2.2 per cent to $1.15 billion, ranking it seventh largest in the world.

Virgin to name suitors

RICHARD Branson's Virgin Interactive Entertainment (VIE) group will reveal this week the two companies interested in mounting a bid. Wall Street is speculating that Walt Disney, Blockbuster Entertainment, and Hasbro, the US toy giant, are front runners. The developments brought VIE's planned share flotation, that would have valued the company at around $220 million, to a halt last week. A VIE spokesman said: "We were in the middle of the process when we received these offers, which the management is now evaluating."

IMF heads for HK

HONG Kong is likely to be the 1997 venue for the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund. The decision will be taken officially at next month's interim meeting of the IMF board, but bankers are already making plans for Hong Kong. Britain and China have given their support, according to Joseph Yam, chief executive of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, the colony's equivalent of the Bank of England. The move will be seen as firm commitment from both sides to Hong Kong's future as a financial centre.

Inflation and base rates have further to fall

The rise in gilt yields since early February has forced commentators into two camps: those who think the rise in yields is warranted by the economic fundamentals and those who do not. Regarding the domestic economy, there has been no dramatic news in the past two months. Nevertheless, some economists suggest that base rates will be 100 basis points higher next year than they forecast in January and that inflation could be almost a percentage point higher in the medium term. They attempt to justify this shift by claiming that the gilt market accurately predicts inflation: thus the rise in gilt yields implies that inflation expectations have deteriorated.

As a consequence, these commentators believe that the monetary authorities need to raise official interest rates to maintain their credibility and ensure that inflation remains in the 1 to 4 per cent target range. However, gilt yields do not necessarily reflect the inflation outlook accurately.

For example, in the weeks after sterling's departure from the ERM, gilt yields rose 60 basis points, as market participants thought that the fall in the currency would reignite inflation pressures. In fact, inflation continued to decline.

GILT EDGED

During 1993, gilt yields fell by more than 200 basis points as inflation expectations caught up with what was happening in the economy.

The monetary authorities are not able to forecast inflation accurately just by looking at the gilt market. Rather, they look more broadly at the economic pressures that generate inflation. The most important of these is the amount of spare capacity in the economy, principally the utilisation of the stock of capital and the excess supply of labour.

Firms are unlikely to push up prices while spare capacity exists, because if they did they would lose market share. Wage growth tends to remain steady unless the labour market gets exceptionally tight.

In the late-1980s boom, the economy hit a physical capacity constraint before the labour market reached full employment. As unemployment fell sharply in 1988-89, real wage growth slowed. Wages lagged substantially behind prices during the boom, which suggests that the labour market was not the principal source of inflation pressure.

From the late 1970s to the late 1980s, it appears that the 20 per cent increase in the capital stock limited the increase in GDP to 20 per cent, before inflation pressures began to emerge from bottlenecks in the production process.

In the past few years, the capital stock has continued to grow steadily. Since the late 1980s, it has increased by 20 per cent, while GDP has increased by less than 10 per cent. Although the level of capital spending fell in the recession, it remained high as a proportion of GDP, partly because of preparations for the Single Market. Furthermore, there was probably less premature scrapping of capital in the recent recession than in that of 1979-80. Then, scrapping was partly due to the dramatic rise in energy prices in the 1970s.

Estimates of how the capital stock has evolved in recent years suggest that physical capital will not be a constraint on output for the foreseeable future. Thus, in this cycle, inflation pressures may first emerge from the labour market, but the labour market still looks loose. Despite the fall in unemployment, firms are not yet reporting shortages of skilled labour. Furthermore, the fall in unemployment reflects a structural shift from full-time to part-time working, which indicates a more flexible labour market.

At present, the gilt market is not providing an accurate indication of inflation pressures. We expect underlying inflation to edge lower, to between 2 and 2.5 per cent (excluding taxes) and to stay down for an extended period. Thus, base rates can come down and remain low in the face of the fiscal tightening. With inflation set to remain subdued for several years, ten-year gilt yields should be well under 7 per cent.

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STOCK MARKET

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FT-SE 100
3129.0 (-89.1)
New York Dow Jones
3774.73 (-120.92)
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
19636.48 (-632.97)

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.25	2.05
Austria Sch	18.55	17.05
Belgium Fr	54.72	50.32
Canada $	2.182	2.002
Cyprus CypE	0.786	0.736
Denmark Kr	10.42	9.62
Finland Mkk	8.95	8.15
France Fr	8.99	8.29
Germany Dm	2.65	2.44
Greece Dr	382.50	357.50
Hong Kong $	12.21	11.21
Ireland Pt	1.09	1.01
Italy Lira	2575.00	2420.00
Japan Yen	172.50	155.50
Malta	0.622	0.557
Netherlds Gld	2.956	2.726
Norway Kr	11.44	10.64
Portugal Esc	268.50	250.00
S Africa Rd	6.00	5.10
Spain Pta	212.50	198.50
Sweden Kr	12.30	11.50
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First-class returns available on the privatisation now arriving

Friday, vesting day for BR, will herald new paths to revenue and testing times for ministers, says Ross Tieman

JOHN MANNING



All change: Robert Horton, Railtrack chairman, awaiting privatisation at Waterloo Station with Wendy Welsh, duty manager

The privatisation of British Rail begins in earnest this week, providing a multi-billion pound portfolio of opportunities for industry. Towards the end of the year or early in 1995, the first invitations to buy businesses will be issued in a privatisation programme that will take half a decade to complete and perhaps 20 years to mature.

Some 60 or more service businesses, embracing transport, financial services, property and construction, will be progressively shifted to the private sector. Fortunes will be made, and lost. Privatisation begins with the vesting of BR successor companies on Friday. It is time for business to take notice.

The Government's purpose in privatising the system is primarily ideological. One senior Department of Transport official says: "There is growing evidence, across a range of industries, that one of the main effects of privatisation is to achieve a 20-30 per cent improvement in the cost of operations." However, ministers and the department emphasise a commitment to retaining the rail network and they have undertaken to provide whatever subsidies are needed for services. They believe privatisation will enable subsidies to be cut.

The Government has vowed to inject £1.24 billion in year one of the privatisation regime, but will end £628 million in debt-interest payments.

The £1.24 billion subsidy will form part of the £1.825 billion made available to Roger Salmon, the franchising director. He will use this cash to top up the expected £2.2 billion of revenue from passengers to ensure that the 25 businesses operating passenger trains keep services running without going bust. Three or more freight businesses, with starting revenues of about £600 million, will be largely self-financing.

Operating franchises, all initially BR units, will spend about half their income, some £2.2 billion in all, on access payments to Railtrack, the track and signal business. Another £500 million will secure trains from three rolling stock leasing companies.

The biggest privatisation winners, so far, are advisers, lawyers and accountants. The billion-pound opportunities will arise more slowly. Privatisation will provide three routes to rail revenues: maintenance, rolling stock leasing and train operation. Would-be investors should also seek opportunities in developing projects, contracting, property development and privatisation of 30 ancillary businesses, from marketing to training.

Maintenance of track and signalling alone costs more than £750 million a year. From April 1, Railtrack will buy-in these services under contract from new BR subsidiaries. According to transport department officials, BR will be told to divide its track maintenance operation into at least ten companies, which ministers hope to privatise within twoyears. Operations based on labour-intensive day-to-day maintenance will be carved up geographically. Operations in high-tech modernisation will be divided by activity.

One option is to form companies endowed with an activity of each type. Bids will be invited for the businesses, each with turnover of perhaps £50 million to £100 million. Management buyouts will probably receive 5 per cent discount.

Track maintenance is a natural extension of activities for contractors such as Wimpey, Costain and Tarmac. Balfour Beatty already works for Network SouthEast. Railway work has a complex safety regime, but some contractors may prefer to bid for work via competitive tendering, if given a chance, rather than buy former BR operations.

Creation of three rolling stock companies to lease trains to operators has proved far more complex than expected, and is behind schedule. BR has 15,000 locomotives, carriages and wagons, many of them designed for specific parts of the network. There are few free-market guidelines to fixing appropriate annual fees for these vehicles of various ages. "We have to make all sorts of brave assumptions," an official admitted.

Wrangling to fix terms for global contracts needed by Friday is intense. Once things are settled, assets will be divided equally between three companies, with every effort made to keep specialist train sets together. Because of the huge cost of building specialist trains for particular services, the franchising director will be able to make operators use particular rolling stock.

In spite of annual revenues of about £170 million each, and assets of perhaps £2 billion in all, the rolling stock companies will not be sold to widows and orphans. More likely, they will be offered in trade sales to City financial companies or, perhaps critically, rolling stock builders. Increasingly, a big leasing operation appears a prerequisite for success inthe world's capital equipment markets. Britain's main train-builders, GEC-Alsthom and ABB Transportation, may feel obliged to bid. So may GE Capital, finance arm of General Electric of America, whose GPA and TIP Europe lease aircraft and containers.

The least attractive area, for the private sector, has been seen as passenger services. Ministers had hoped to invite offers for the first group of seven franchises, embracing a third of BR's revenues, late this year, or early next. Complexities, and lack of private-sector interest, have put the plan back a year. Eventually, private companies will bid against management groups.

Ministry officials insist that franchises, perhaps of seven to ten years, will offer good, low-risk opportunities for profit. About half of operator costs will be access charges payable to Railtrack, with a further 10-15 per cent payable for leased rolling stock. A franchise holder's success will depend on securing appropriate subsidy from the franchising director, mastering controllable costs and winning new passengers.

Criticism of privatisation puts ministers under pressure to ensure its success. There are signs that, in train operations at least, good management and marketing, rather than big capital investment, may be handsomely rewarded.

A would-be train operator with innovative plans for services within a franchise already allocated may apply to Railtrack and the regulator to set up rival services, but may receive a frosty reception threatening the viability of a franchised monopoly.

It is, one official admitted, already government policy that "competition should be moderated to the extent necessary to ensure the successful launch of the first franchises". Slippage in the privatisation can only bolster that policy.

Four painful steps from the state to market utopia



GRAHAM SEARJEANT

Come Easter, another of Britain's utilities will embark on a revolutionary journey. Superficially it looks unlike any other. In reality, only the order of change at British Rail is new. A monolithic supplier will splinter into an array of businesses, all initially state-owned. Some will quickly be sold, others will have to bid against the odds to run their own traditional operations and not a few will eventually disappear. To many passengers, the concept of fissuring track from maintenance, or trains from licences to run services, looks crazy. To employees in occupations that have offered secure careers for generations, it looks a portent of doom.

For all those reasons, the speed of revolution in structure will be matched by a cautiously gradual approach to making changes on the ground. Yet the alarm is partly because the trucks have been put before the engine. The railway industry has a fair idea of its destination before it even starts on the journey. Most other British utilities have first moved into the private sector as regulated monopolies. Privatised companies are then gradually transformed by interfering regulators, whingeing new competitors, newly vociferous consumers and the technical changes these forces encourage.

Utility revolutions started in America, where apparently natural private monopolies or vital industries were regulated to ensure order, universal service and security of supply. Regulated returns were virtually guaranteed. The revolution hotted up in Britain and is now spreading rapidly to the Orient, continental Europe and South America. As this happens, patterns are building up and lessons can be learnt by managers, consumers, employees and investors.

Larry Gilson, head of utilities consultancy for the worldwide Arthur Andersen accountancy group, has done the homework. He found that, as America's apparently disparate monopolies were deregulated, air transport, gas or telecoms went through essentially the same painful and gruelling stages of change before stable monopoly was transformed by competition and higher risk into something like a new equilibrium. Graham Walker, AA's head of utilities consultancy in Britain, repeated the exercise on the privatised utilities. AA's ensuing unpublished study, *Predictable Patterns-navigating the continuum from protected monopoly to market competition*, found the same holds good in Britain, barring the initial spur of privatisation.

AA found five stages:

☐ In *equilibrium*, the state monopoly runs an all-embracing vertically integrated business and management is production-oriented. Costs determine prices, obligation to supply governs investment and tariffs are set by social and political priorities with huge cross-subsidies.

☐ Privatisation then brings *rumblings in the provinces*. Regulators come into play but seem unthreatening, the potential for competition is usually opened up but the privatised company retains an unshakeable belief that it can defend its core monopoly and integrated business and keep investors happy with safe, high dividends.

☐ This confidence proves ill-founded and in the crucial third stage, the traditional monopolist suffers an *identity crisis*. Regulators get nasty, so companies restructure to put as many activities as possible outside their reach

However hard they try, traditional monopolists cannot avoid the turmoil

and rush to make costly and often ill-considered diversifications. Competitors make a serious challenge, hurting the old monopoly, which responds by a blitz on costs to keep its confused customers. Services are contracted out and vast numbers of employees made redundant. Prices tumble, despite the higher risk. Groups of consumers, or regulators, demand an end to cross-subsidy.

☐ After this frenzy of activity, traditional regional monopolists, which used to be scarcely distinguishable, start diverging as a wide range of winners and losers emerges. Managers have to sort out the mess and *refocus*. Diversifications are pruned and developed, the utility stops going for market share, concentrates on what it is good at and really makes money on, invests in high-value services, uses its capital better, reorganises management for competition and tries to offer investors growth to compensate for higher risk.

☐ If all that works, the industry reaches its destination of *dynamic competition*, in which the old providers are indistinguishable from new competitors, business is customer-driven and the market is highly segmented. Groups such as America's AT&T have actually made it.

This analysis runs true for some other traditional industries. Britain's high street banks are clearly going through a stage three identity crisis, cutting costs regardless, ending cross subsidies, separating out services and generally rushing round in all directions. But the Andersen analysis is most useful for utilities.

However hard they try or think ahead, it seems impossible for traditional monopolists to avoid the turmoil of stages two and three, just as adolescence and grief cannot be leapfrogged. But preparation can speed things up. One crucial message is that cutting operating costs is only a phase, not a way of life. Another is that separating infrastructure networks from supply of services is a natural progression, almost inevitable if competition is to mature. Only in water, whose product is not homogenous, or the Post Office, where the political demand for cross-subsidy remains strong, is such competition likely to be constrained for long.

Instead of fighting, therefore, utility managements need to concentrate more effort on their delivery networks as a profit centre. That might, for instance, have saved British Gas a lot of pain. As it is, the industry's development is way behind British Telecom, which is now regaining confidence as it moves into the refocusing phase. British Gas may well, for instance, find that the management skills needed to run its separated parts are quite different and some may fall by the wayside.

The water and electricity distribution industries are now the ones to watch. Both will learn the result of fundamental regulatory reviews this summer and the RECs will soon lose more of their monopoly. As their managers respond to much harsher conditions, some will prosper, others falter or be taken over by outsiders. They will never be the same again.

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Dust off your clubs

READERS and their companies are being given the opportunity to mix business with pleasure by competing in *The Times* City Diary annual golfing challenge. Make a note in your diaries for June 1. The venue is the East Sussex National golf course, venue for the PGA European Open Championship. The challenge will be competed over the tournament course in a two-man team, 18-hole stableford competition with a shotgun start. There is only room for 64 companies on a first-come, first-served basis. All other cheques will be returned. The two-man team can include a company guest, one of whom should have a handicap of no more than 14, with the second player no more than 24. The cost for the day is £179 per team plus VAT. The itinerary includes bacon rolls and coffee on arrival at 9am, welcome packs, including Lyle & Scott polo shirts, golf balls and promotional packs, courtesy of *Golf Monthly*. Tee-off will be at 10.30am with teams making-up a fourball. This will be followed by a three-course luncheon and by the presentation of the winners, finishing at about 5.30pm. *City Diary* readers who are interested should send a cheque to the competition organiser, MMA, 77-78 Bolsover Street, London, W1P 7HH, payable to MMA (Times Diary Challenge).

Art and life

THRILLER writer Frederick Forsyth turned up at The Montcalm Hotel near Marble Arch, London, on Friday to formally open the venue's new Crescent restaurant. While there, he was asked to unveil a *17ft trompe-l'oeil* mural which runs the entire length of one wall and features a formal English garden overlooking a pastoral landscape. In one corner, lying on the grass next to a glass of champagne, the artist, Lincoln Seligman, has painted in a copy of *The Times*, with Forsyth's face as the front-page photograph. The 3D-mural also includes the hotel's chief engineer trimming a hedge, a chef sleeping behind a bush, and a distant view of Mount Fuji — a sly reference to the Montcalm's Japanese owner, Nikko Hotels. Apparently, Mount Fuji scenes usually feature in Japanese toilets, so its inclusion may not have been so wise after all.

Miller's crossing

CHAMPAGNE corks are popping again in the New York office of SG Warburg, which has poached David Miller from Goldman Sachs to head its Equity Capital Markets and US Syndication divisions. Miller, 51, oversaw more than 1,000 equity issues at Goldman, and his loss comes as a sizeable blow to the firm. His appointment is part of Warburg's push to compete head on with the big Wall Street houses for the lucrative underwriting business of the giant US corporations. No doubt it came at a price. Goldman paid $5 million bonuses to top executives last year.

Of mice and men

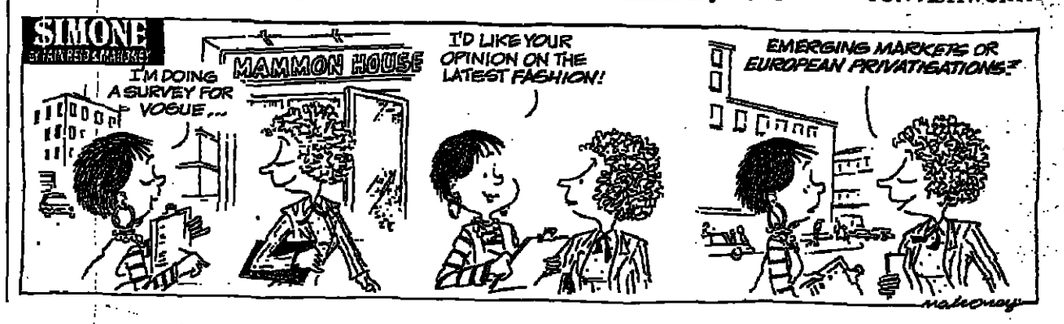
A PLAGUE of mice is set to descend on the hamlet of Monroe near Detroit, America's motor capital. This is good news for the burghers of Kilburn, North Yorkshire, who have been breeding mice by the dozen for their US cousins. The mice, such as they are, are carved on furniture made by the old established firm of Robert Thompson, famous for its Mouseman furniture, which sports a carved mouse on each piece. An American visiting York Minster saw an example, and promptly ordered a set of ecclesiastical furniture for the Lutheran Church in Monroe — worth £170,000 to Robert Thompson. Since then 28 people have been turning out pulpits and pews and even the local blacksmith lent a hand. Aaaaah.

Won't do nicely

A READER went into an American Express travel agent in Sofia, Bulgaria, presented his Amex card to pay for an air ticket, and was told: "We only take cash." He went next door to Balkan Airlines who were delighted to accept his plastic.

ANNOYING how these things creep into print. Ludgate Communications, the PR firm, has taken an advertisement in a City directory, saying it is "clarifying the message" for its clients. Enquiries are referred to Zena Bates, who left Ludgate last April.

JON ASHWORTH



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6.00 Business Breakfast (57751)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (64087480)
9.05 The Legend of Prince Valiant. Animated adventures (r) (s) (3235409)
9.30 NEW **Why Don't You . . . ?** Good ideas for children over the Easter holiday (s) (32732)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (5855596) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (8325954)
10.30 Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick (s) (91303138) **12.15 Pebble Mill** with guest Vanessa Redgrave (s) (1645751) **12.55 Regional news** and weather (20123596)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (51916)
1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (67113022) **1.50 The Great British Quiz** (s) (67124138)
2.15 Knots Landing (s) (1452645)
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3.30 Daffy Duck Double Bill (4793683) **3.45 Bump** (9516515) **3.50 Model Millie** (s) (4780119) **4.05 Batfink** (1641454) **4.10 The All-New Popeye Show** (6891157) **4.20 Take Two** (9277732) **4.45 Gulf** (s) (7736799)
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5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (437670)
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) Weather (799)
6.30 Regional news magazines (751)
7.00 That's Showbusiness Brian Cant and John Thomson take on Cy Chadwick and Hattie Hayridge. (Ceefax) (s) (6799)
7.30 Watchdog. Consumer affairs. (Ceefax) (935)
8.00 A Question of Sport. Bill Beaumont is joined by Kevin Moran and Richard Nerurkar while Ian Botham teams up with Ginny Elliot and Jeremy Bates. (Ceefax) (s) (2119)
8.30 Men of the World. Comedy series about a travel agent and his colleague and lodger. (Ceefax) (s) (4954)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Peter Sissons. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (7022)



Right-winger Vladimir Zhirinovsky (9.30pm)

9.30 Panorama: Please Call Me Hitler. Former Moscow correspondent, Bridget Kendall, examines the success of the far-right Russian nationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky. (Ceefax) (775954)
10.10 A Question of Attribution. Alan Bennett's 1991 Bafta award-winner starring James Fox as Sir Anthony Blunt, Surveyor of the the Queen's Pictures and the fourth man in the Cambridge spy ring (r). (Ceefax) (s) (8846119) **Wales:** The Noble Trail 10.40 A Question of Attribution 11.55 Film 94 12.25am The Easter Stories 12.40-1.10 Advice Shop
11.25 Film 94 with Barry Norman (s) (817374)
11.55 The Easter Stories: Peter's Tale with Tony Robinson (Ceefax) (s) (962683)
12.10am Advice Shop (r) (2848894)
12.40-12.45 Weather (5268851)
3.00-3.30 BBC Select: RCN Nursing Update (26417)

BBC2

6.45 Open University
8.00 Breakfast News (Ceefax) (4447751)
8.15 Westminster Daily (4437374)
8.30 Grand Prix from Brazil (r) (8121935)
9.10 FILM: A Man Betrayed (1941, b/w). Drama starring John Wayne. Directed by John H. Auer (2769867)
10.30 FILM: Come September (1961) starring Rock Hudson as a playboy who becomes chaperone to a group of college girls. Directed by Robert Mulligan (32040119)
12.20 The Europeans. Britons living in Italy (7905664)
12.30 Signs of the Times (r) (9813770)
1.20 The Brollys (r) (48843664)
1.35 Ever Thought of Sport? Climbing (r) (78698157)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Top Gear Take Two** (r) (47591515)
2.15 Regional Westminster Programmes (r) (839515)
2.45 Milestones in Science and Engineering (r) (3208225)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Songs of Praise** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (4126393) **3.40 A Week to Remember** (b/w) (9506138) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9595022)
4.00 Today's the Day. Quiz show (s) (664)
4.30 People of the Valley. Welsh-speaking drama with English subtitles (848) **Wales:** Keen on the Past
5.00 White Collar Crimes. A report on crimes costing British industry billions of pounds every year (4577)
5.30 Gardeners' World (r). (Ceefax) (s) (428)
6.00 Def II: The Fresh Prince of Bel Air (s) (349409)
6.25 The Ren and Stimpy Show. Animation (431954)
6.50 Young Musician of the Year. The semi-finals of the piano section (s) (987374)



Tender side of entrepreneur Ben (7.30pm)

7.30 CHOICE **Telling Tales: Ben** (577)
8.00 CHOICE **Horizon: Sir Walter's Journey** (Ceefax) (s) (180935)
8.50 Seven Last Words from the Cross. (Ceefax) (s) (989916)
9.00 FILM: Permanent Record (1988) starring Keanu Reeves as the friend of a student who commits suicide. Directed by Marisa Silver. (Ceefax) (s) (6393) **10.30 Newsnight.** (Ceefax) (980119)
11.15 James Kelman: No Such Thing as Bad Language. An interview with the Scottish writer (s) (498848) **Wales:** Pitch Invasion 11.25-11.55 Shot in a Shoebox **11.55 Weather** (228886)
12.00 Modern Art: Berthe Morisot (2930829)
12.25am Technology (5756233). Ends at **1.30**

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The French Connection: A French Affair
Channel 4, 9.00pm

A two-part documentary features four couples from Britain who decided to escape the rat race for rural tranquillity in the Dordogne and wondered whether they had made the right decision. Successful professional people at home, they find themselves clueless in the middle of France. "We are making it up as we go along," says Mark, who has sunk all his capital into a farmhouse and is running horribly into debt. "I feel a complete plonker", admits Jonathan, a solicitor who has still to sell his house in Somerset. Pat finds herself trying to run a vineyard after her husband is taken ill. Director Malcolm Brinkworth, whose *Coast of Dreams* charted the lives of expatriate Britons in Spain, leaves the storylines nicely poised for the concluding part on Thursday.



Sir Walter Bodmer visits Orkney (BBC2, 8.00pm)

Horizon: Sir Walter's Journey
BBC2, 8.00pm

The geneticist Sir Walter Bodmer takes on the historians at their own game and suggests that genes can tell as much about the past as artifacts, even if this means overturning accepted wisdom. "History," he maintains, "is a combination of culture and biology — one without the other is only half the story." In pursuit of this thesis he travels to Pembroke, the Lake District and the Orkney Islands. Genetic evidence derived from blood samples helps to unravel the continued Norman strain in Wales and suggests that the children of the Cumbrian mountains are more closely related to Norwegians than to their English neighbours across the hills in Kendal. It is one of the most accessible science documentaries for some while.

The French Connection: First Convoy
Channel 4, 11.10pm

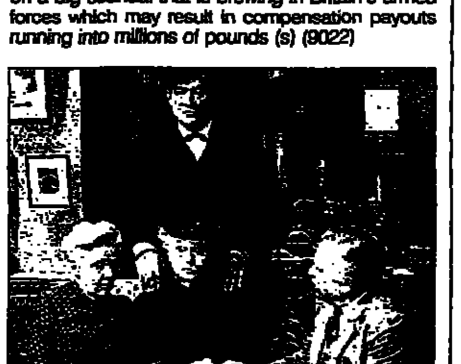
In March 1942 more than 1,100 French-based Jews were sent by the Nazis to Auschwitz to help to build the concentration camp. Five months later only 104 were still alive. In this feature-length documentary from France a dozen of the survivors from the convoy make the journey again. Their memories are predictably poignant and sombre. Simon Gutman avoided the gas chambers when he contracted typhus and was sent to work in the kitchens. He found his father and managed to look after him, but other members of his family did not return after the war. Bernard Pressman was given the job of helping to transport bodies to the crematorium. His cargo included the corpse of his brother, with whom he had been arrested.

Telling Tales: Ben
BBC2, 7.30pm

The series of self-portraits by young Britons continues to throw up surprises. Ben is 20, an Essex man with the accent to prove it. He runs the family business, selling hairdressing products from a market stall. Essex, he observes, is the place where girls like to bleach their hair. This guarantees a roaring trade in 60 per cent volume peroxide. But Ben refuses to conform to the stereotype of the brash money-grubber. For one thing he has a passion for greyhounds. He is one of the country's youngest owners and he treats the animals as if they were his children. His tender side also emerges in fond memories of his father, who died of cancer when Ben was in his teens. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON

6.00 GMTV (43481119)
8.40 NEW **Parkin's In . . .** Cartoon fun with Simon Parkin (3466426)
9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (s) (3224393) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8301374)
10.00 NEW **Step by Step.** American comedy series (s) (40312)
10.30 This Morning (32037645) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7992190)
12.30 Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (9091428)
12.55 Coronation Street (r). (Teletext) (s) (9076119) **1.25 Home and Away** (Teletext) (57626732) **1.55 Capital Woman** (s) (72296111)
2.25 A Country Practice (s) (93578683) **2.50 The Young Doctors** (6311683) **3.20 News** headlines (Teletext) (8775515) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8774886)
3.30 Tots TV (r) (s) (4704799) **3.40 Alphabet Castle** (r) (s) (9583664) **3.50 Cartoon.** Bugs Bunny (9599848) **4.00 Talespin** (r) (s) (3367886) **4.25 Where's Wally?** (r) (9201799) **4.50 Brill** (Teletext) (s) (7702732)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (4355886)
5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (355954)
6.00 London Tonight (Teletext) (46935)
7.00 Wish You Were Here . . . ? Judith Chalmers visits the Caribbean island of San Andres; John Carter goes in search of the Rose of Tralee in Ireland; and Anna Walker reports from Ibiza. (Teletext) (s) (1867)
7.30 Coronation Street (Teletext) (s) (913)
8.00 Talking Telephone Numbers. Viewers try for the £10,000 jackpot (s) (3765)
8.30 World in Action: Your Baby or Your Job. A report on a big scandal that is brewing in Britain's armed forces which may result in compensation payouts *running into millions of pounds* (s) (9022)



Holmes helps Mrs Warren (centre) (9.00pm)

9.00 The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes: The Red Circle. Mrs Warren (Betty Marsden), a friend of Mrs Hudson (Rosalie Williams), asks Holmes's help after she takes in a mysterious lodger. With Jeremy Brett and Edward Hardwicke. (Teletext) (s) (2683)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald. (Teletext) Weather (12480) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (470867)
10.40 FILM: The Park Is Mine (1985) starring Tommy Lee Jones and Helen Shaver. A young Vietnam veteran mounts a 72-hour siege of Central Park as a protest against the Government's attitude to the plight of returning combatants. Directed by Steven Hilliard Stern (27067393)
12.30am The Little Picture Show (61184)
1.30 Shannon's Deal. The lawyer turned private eye takes on his former law firm (2610165) **2.20 Nite Bites** (s) (3228368)
2.30 Sport AM with Bob Symonds (97875)
3.30 FILM: Leave It to Blondie (1945, b/w). Another in the series of films based on the comic strip by Chic Young and Jim Raymond. Directed by Abby Berlin (89368) **5.00 Hollywood Report** (r) (s) (96851)
5.30 Morning News (90455). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 The Adventures of T-Rex (r) (3418461)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (74867)
9.00 For Better or for Worse. Animations (r) (39157)
9.30 Sharky and George. Underwater cartoon (r) (1943312)
9.55 California Dreams. American teen drama. The California Dreams' first gig clashes with a family trip (r) (4085732)
10.20 The Adventures of Super Mario Brothers. Cartoon based on the computer game characters (r) (1503664)
10.40 Gamesmaster. Dexter Fletcher gives tips on video games (r) (s) (8269480)
11.10 Tintin. First of a two-part adventure (r) (5148916)
11.35 The Legend of White Fang. Cartoon series based on Jack London's story (r) (8781683)
12.05 The Lone Ranger (b/w). Vintage western adventures (3586515)
12.30 Sesame Street. Early-learning series with guest Patti LaBelle (66916) **1.30 Dr Snuggles** (r) (68157)
2.00 Homefront. The continuing drama surrounding three Second World War soldiers coping with civilian life in small-town America. Gina goes into labour (s) (6083645)
2.55 Tree Police. A film following the council officials who protect London's trees (r). (Teletext) (3118683)
3.55 Nature Perfected (r). (Teletext) (7461041)
4.30 Countdown. Words and numbers game with Richard Whiteley and Carol Vorderman. (Teletext) (s) (916)
5.00 The Late Late Show. Conversation from Dublin with Gay Byrne (s) (1480)
6.00 Don't Forget Your Toothbrush with Chris Evans (r) (s) (44577)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletext) (510751)
7.50 The French Connection. The beginning of a celebration of all things French. French people living in Britain air their views. (Teletext) (765003)
8.00 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (8157)
8.30 Only When I Laugh. Vintage medical comedy series starring James Bolam, Peter Bowles and Richard Wilson (r). (Teletext) (7664)



Pat is left looking after the vineyard (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **The French Connection: A French Affair.** (Teletext) (s) (5175)
10.00 Northern Exposure. Comedy drama series set in the frozen wastes of Alaska. Ed finds a ring that belonged to Fellini. (Teletext) (s) (380935)
10.55 The French Connection: The Commuters. A group of people travelling by train begin to share each other's anxieties. French drama with English subtitles (471596)
11.10 CHOICE **The French Connection: First Convoy** (369428)
1.10 FILM: Naseeb (1981). Four friends are thrown into conflict when they win a lottery. With Amitabh Bachchan and Rishi Kapoor. Directed by Manmohan Desai. In Hindi with English subtitles. (91250981). Ends at **3.50**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **7.00** Steve Wright **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Emma Freud **2.00pm** Mark Goodier **4.00** Johnnie Walker **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** Armando Iannucci **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce, including at **10.00** Pick of the Hits **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Angela Rippon **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hubert Gregg **7.30** Alan Dell with Dance Band Days, and at **8.00** Big Band Era **8.30** Big Band Special **9.00** Humphrey Lyttelton **10.00** Stars in Brass: Grimethorpe Colliery Band under Frank Renton **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Digby Fairweather **1.00** Steve Madden **3.00-6.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

See Choice. **5.00am** Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, including at **6.55** and **7.55** the 5 Live Racing Preview **8.35** The Magazine, including at **10.04** Out and About **12.00** Midday with Mair **2.00pm** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide **7.00** News Extra, including at **7.20** the day's sport **7.35** Good for a Quote:- Tommy Docherty **8.00** Champion Sport. Sheffield Utd v West Ham Utd **10.00** News Talk **11.00** Night Extra **12.00** The Other Side of Midnight **2.00-5.00am** Up All Night

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** Fruhmagazin **5.00** Newshour **6.00** News in German **6.03** Morgenmagazin **6.27** News in German **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** World News **7.10** British News **7.15** Learning World **7.30** Hunting Mr Homer **8.00** World News **8.15** Off the Shelf: Tears the World Does Not See **8.30** Black Pearls **9.00** World News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Health Matters **9.30** Anything Goes **10.00** World News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Animals of Power **10.30** Andy Kershaw **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News Summary **11.01** Hunting Mr Homer **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Composer of the Month. Gustav Holst **1.00** World News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Jazz Score **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** World News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: Tears the World Does Not See **3.45** Dance Selection **4.00** World News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News in German **4.35** Heute Aktuell **5.00** World and British News **5.15** BBC English **6.00** World News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** World Today **6.30** News and features in German **8.00** World News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** World News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** World Today **9.30** Vintage Chart Show **10.00** Newshour **11.00** World News **11.05** World Business Report **11.15** World Ranking **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** Multitrack 1 **1.00** World News **1.10** British News **1.15** Alexis Korner **1.30** Screenplay **2.00** World News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Folk Routes **2.45** Health Matters **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Jazz Score **4.00** Newsdesk

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Joan Thirkettle **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto. Lalo (Cello Concerto in D minor Leonard Rose, cello, Philadelphia Orchestra under Eugene Ormandy) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Sarah Ward **7.00** Classical Gas. **8.00** Evening Concert: Copland (Appalachian Spring); Grieg (To the Spring); Haydn (Spring, The Seasons); Britten (Spring Symphony) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** Mark Griffiths

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Graham Dene **4.00** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** N.J. Williams **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00am** Paul Coyle

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: **1.55** A Country Practice (67118577) **2.20-2.50** Yan Can Cook (93580684) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News and Weather (8774886) **5.10-5.40** Swot or Wot? (4355886) **6.00** Home and Away (336935) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather and Anglia News (742003) **10.30** Anglia News and Weather (470867) **10.40** Love Call (370683) **11.40** Street Legal (857577) **12.35am** Renegade (4608542) **1.30** Sport AM (22748) **2.30** Memories of 1970-1989 (6578813) **3.25** The Beat (2051184) **4.20** Jobfinder (3796894) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (96851)

CENTRAL
As London except: **9.55-10.00** Central News (8301374) **12.20pm-12.30** Central News and Weather (7992190) **1.55** Shortland Street (67118577) **2.20** Cooking at the Academy (93580684) **2.50-3.20** A Country Practice (6311683) **3.25-3.30** Central News (8774886) **5.10-5.40** Swot or Wot? (4355886) **6.00** Home and Away (336935) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (742003) **10.30** Central News and Weather (470867) **10.40** Millionaires (761515) **11.10** The Monday Night Fight (510409) **12.10am** Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 94 (2833862) **12.40** Wanted Dead or Alive (7589504) **1.15** Monte Walsh (327788) **3.00** Sport AM (2049349) **3.55** Hollywood Report (96628891) **4.25** Jobfinder (1823349) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (2669349)

HTV WEST
As London except: **1.55** A Country Practice (67118577) **2.20-2.50** Cooking at the Academy (93580684) **3.25-3.30** HTV West Headlines (8774886) **5.10-5.40** Runway (4355886) **5.55** Home and Away (874914) **6.25-7.00** HTV News (742003) **10.30** HTV West Headlines and Weather (470867) **10.40** West of England Business Winners (761515) **11.10** HTV-South West Arts Film Awards (811190) **11.40** Spotlight (581670) **12.10am** Coach (8575523) **12.35** Renegade (4608542) **1.30** Sport AM (22748) **2.30** Memories of 1970-1989 (6578813) **3.25** The Beat (2051184) **4.20** Jobfinder (3796894) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (96851)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: **6.25-7.00** Wales Tonight (742003) **10.30** HTV News and Weather (470867) **10.40** Primetime (761515) **11.10** Living Proof - Baby Basics (811190) **11.40-12.10pm** The Twilight Zone (581670)

MERIDIAN
As London except: **1.55** A Country Practice (67118577) **2.20** Houseparty (93580684) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (6311683) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (867) **6.30-7.00** Country Ways (119) **10.40-12.30am** Terror on Highway 91 (27067393)

TYNE TEES
As London except: **1.55** A Country Practice (67118577) **2.20** Wish You Were Here..? (93579312) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (775206) **6.30-7.00** One Summer in Whitby (119) **10.40** New Voices (761515) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (899428) **12.05am** Meditations for Holy Week (5587691) **12.20** Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 94 (2858271) **12.50** Sail the World (3321558) **1.20** Django Against Sartana (786417) **2.55** New Music (6579900) **3.55** ITV Chart Show (2846726) **4.50-5.30** Jobfinder (2194639)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: **1.55** The Young Doctors (72296111) **2.25-2.55** Gardening Time (93569935) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (46935) **10.40** The Front Line (761515) **11.10** Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 94 (811190) **11.40** The Equalizer (199190) **12.30am** My Story (9868815) **12.35** Renegade (4608542) **1.30** Sport AM (22748) **2.30** Memories of 1970-1989 (6578813) **3.25** The Beat (2051184) **4.20** Jobfinder (3796894) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (96851)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: **1.55** A Country Practice (67118577) **2.20** Wish You Were Here..? (93579312) **2.45-2.50** Help Yourself (6826190) **5.55** Calendar (775206) **6.30-7.00** One Summer in Whitby (119) **10.40** New Voices (761515) **11.10** Prisoner Cell Block H (899428) **12.05am** Meditations for Holy Week (5587691) **12.20** Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 94 (2858271) **12.50** Sail the World (3321558) **1.20** Django Against Sartana (786417) **2.55** New Music (6579900) **3.55** ITV Chart Show (2846726) **4.50-5.30** Jobfinder (2194639)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (74867) **9.00** For Better or for Worse (39157) **9.30** Sharky and George (1943312) **9.55** California Dreams (4085732) **10.20** The Adventures of Super Mario Brothers (1503664) **10.40** Gamesmaster (8269480) **11.10** Tintin (5148916) **11.35** The Legend of White Fang (4775374) **12.00** Right to Reply (19393) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (89886) **1.00** The Long Summer (77954) **1.30** Blossom Getting Lucky (68157) **2.00** Homefront (6083645) **2.55** The Oprah Winfrey Show (9609003) **3.45** Laurel And Hardy (4781848) **4.00** Slot 23 (4980161) **4.05** Ty Chwith (5488157) **4.20** Parlwr Pop (2681003) **5.00** Batman (9645) **5.30** Countdown (596) **6.00** Newyddion (423935) **6.20** Cwlwm Serch (325954) **6.25** Hero (740645) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (9409) **7.30** Y Byd Ar Bedwar (645) **8.00** Mor-ladron (8157) **8.30** Newyddion (7664) **9.00** Sgorio (5175) **10.00** Brookside (10022) **10.30** Roseanne (29770) **11.00** Northern Exposure (599916) **11.55** The Golding Audit (583480)

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: Class in Britain Today **6.55** Weather
7.00 On Air. Mendelssohn (String Symphony No 6 in E flat); Bach (French Suite No 6 in E, BWV 817); Richter (Trumpet Concerto in D); Bruckner (Ecce Sacerdos); Kodály (Suite, Hary Janos)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Francis Poulenc. Rapsodie nègre, second movement; Sonata for piano duet; Mouvements perpétuels; Le Bestiaire: Cinq Impromptus; Rondeau, Les Biches; Napoli; Trio for piano, oboe, bassoon
10.00 Musical Encounters: An exploration of Creation. Includes Verdi (Overture, La forza del destino: BBC Scottish SO under Odaline de la Martinez); Haydn (The Creation, Part 1); John Lellis (Hekla); Sibelius (Symphony No 4)
12.00 Modern Times: In Search of Lost Places **1.00pm News**
1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert: Talich Quartet performs Schulhoff (String Quartet No 1); Schubert (String Quartet in D minor, D810, Death and the Maiden)
2.05 A Dutch Retrospect: Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra under Riccardo Chailly performs Messiaen (Turangalila-Symphonie: with Jean-Yves Thibaudet, piano, Takashi Harada, ondes martenot)
3.45 The Italian Organ: Christopher Stembridge performs virtuoso music by Frescobaldi
4.30 Unsquare Dances: Dave Brubeck talks about his famous *Time Out* album
5.00 The Music Machine: Errollyn Wallen presents a rough guide to practising
5.15 In Tune: Rachmaninov (Mazurka, Morceaux de Salon, Op 10); **6.15** Brahms (How Lovely are thy dwellings, German Requiem); Elgar (Concert Overture, Froissart); **7.04** Fauré (Poème d'un jour, Op 21)
7.30 Towards the Millennium: Gyorgy Pauk, violin, and Ian Brown, piano, perform Britten (Suite, Op 6); Schoenberg (Piano Pieces, Op 33); Hindemith (Violin Sonata in E); Webern (Variations, Op 27); Prokofiev (Violin Sonata No 1, Op 80)
8.55 Something in Linoleum: See Choice
9.15 The BBC Orchestras: Martyn Brabbins conducts the BBC Scottish SO in a performance of Ian Whyte (Tone poem, Edinburgh); A.C. Mackenzie (Violin Concerto) and Sally Beamish (Symphony — first UK performance)
10.20 Love Songs in Waltz-Time: The BBC Singers under Jane Glover perform the Neue Liebeslieder, Op 65, by Brahms
10.45 Mixing It
11.30 Music Restored: A recital given by the ensemble Sirinu during their recent Early Music Network tour
12.30-12.35am News 1.00-2.05 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **6.45** Business News **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day
8.45 Don't Mention the War: Philip Brady concludes his series on nationalism **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week: Melvyn Bragg is joined by Mary Ann Sieghart of *The Times* plus novelist Liza Cody, Tony Benn MP and theatre directors Dominic Dromgoole and James Roose-Evans
10.00-10.30 News; Families and How to Survive Them (FM only) (r)
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Phoenix and the Carpet (LW only): See Choice
10.30 Woman's Hour: The third visit to eight families round the world. Incl **11.00 News.** Serial: *Zlata's Diary*
11.30 Money Box Live: 071-580 4444. Lines open from 10am
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Counterpoint: Ned Sherrin conducts the music quiz **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Who Stole Your Scone? Marion Brechin's love story stars Gudrun Ure and Maureen Morris as mother and daughter who come fully to know each other (r)
3.00 Anderson Country: Conversation with Gerry Anderson. Phone 071-765 5540
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Elaine Steinbeck recalls her late husband, John, author of *The Grapes of Wrath*; and Philip Pickett talks about performing early music
4.45 Short Story: The Cardboard Madonna, by Jane Webster. Read by Sandy Neilson
5.00 PM with Chris Lowe and Linda Lewis **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The News Quiz (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: The Sun, by Alan Berne. The moving story of a disabled young Irish girl on holiday with her family. With Hilary Reynolds
9.00 Global Growbag: Paul Simons explores the amazing world of soil
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Lipstick on the Host. Abridged by Aidan Mathews from his novel (3/7)
11.00 On the Ropes: John Humphrys talks to Norman Lamont, MP (r)
11.30 The Older Woman (FM only): Romantic comedy by Tony Bagley. With Zoë Wanamaker, Martin Clunes and Toyah Willcox (1/6) (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW only)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Radio 5 Live. *24 hours a day, starting at 5.00am.*
By the time you read this, BBC Radio's pioneering news and sports channel will be a *fait accompli.* I wish it well. But I deeply regret the killing off of the drama and story output that was one of the strengths of the old Radio 5.

The Phoenix and the Carpet. *Radio 4 (LW), 10.15am.*
Is it a coincidence or a placatory gesture that this morning Radio 4 starts broadcasting children's stories? To launch the series, Patricia Hodge reads E. Nesbit's *The Phoenix and the Carpet,* the sequel to *Five Children and It.*

Something in Linoleum. *Radio 3, 8.55pm.*
Paul Vaughan's readings from his book about growing up in suburban London begin with a description of the Swiss chalet-style semi which was home for him, his parents and a 15 h.p. Wolseley saloon. This is 1930s chronicling, from the pebbledash rendering, apple-green woodwork and imitation marble lino to the local swimming pool called the Surbiton Lagoon. **Peter Davalle**



THE CLASSIC OPERA GUIDE.
TUESDAY 7PM.
CLASSIC fM 100-102

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am DJ Kat (48934770) **8.45** Cartoons (8538374) **9.30** Card Sharks (6578645) **9.55** Concentration (6586664) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (4720138) **10.30** Love at First Sight (48461) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (24886) **12.00** Urban Peasant (60041) **12.30pm** E Street (86848) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (73003) **2.00** Shaka Zulu (67003) **3.00** Another World (8232867) **3.50** DJ Kat (3512022) **5.00** Star Trek (9428) **6.00** Games World (8041) **6.30** E Street (9393) **7.00** M*A*S*H (5747) **7.30** Full House (5577) **8.00** Dress Gray (36954) **10.00** Star Trek (17461) **11.00** The Untouchables (18521) **12.00** Streets of San Francisco (57813) **1.00am** Night Court (32810) **1.30-2.00** In Living Color (51287)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (1133206) **9.30** 60 Minutes (56867) **11.30** Japan Business (59515) **12.30pm** News and Business (80683) **1.30** CBS News (61312) **2.30** Parliament Live (21683) **3.30** Parliament Live (16596) **4.30** News and Business (5190) **5.00** Live at Five (961206) **7.30** Special Report (3119) **9.30** Talkback (96954) **11.30** CBS News (54374) **12.30am** ABC News (60928) **1.30** Special Report (56078) **2.30** Travel (93146) **3.30** Talkback (96691) **4.30** Special Report (75691) **5.30-6.00** CBS News (30097)

SKY MOVIES
6.20am Showcase (78372549)
10.00 The Pistol (1990): A basketball player (Adam Guier) clashes with his coach (89664)
12.00 Lancelot and Guinevere (1963): Romance and betrayal at Camelot (71206)
2.00pm Advice to the Lovelorn (1981): Cloris Leachman as an agony aunt with insoluble problems of her own (31041)
4.00 Late for Dinner (1991): Brothers-in-law fall asleep and awake 29 years later (4732)
6.00 The Pistol (as 8am) (28577)
8.00 Class Act (1992): Kids 'n' Play star as schoolkids who swap identities (74566303)
9.40 UK Top Ten (740480)
10.00 Final Analysis (1992). Psychiatrist Richard Gere becomes involved with his patient's sister, Kim Basinger (44623428)
12.05am Doublecrossed (1992): A drugs smuggler turns informer (539702)
2.00 Stop at Nothing (1990): An estranged couple fight for their daughter (460523)
3.35 A Mother's Justice (1992). A woman acts as a decoy to trap her daughter's rapist (85086097). Ends at **5.05**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm They Died With Their Boots On (1941, b/w): Errol Flynn stars as General Custer at Little Big Horn (96163225)
8.25 Reds (1981): Warren Beatty is director and star of an epic account of the life of John Reed, the radical American journalist (40102480). Ends at **12.00**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am The Perils of Pauline (1947, b/w): Biopic of Pearl White (24119)
8.00 The Gnomes Great Adventure: Animated tales (89225)
10.00 Adam Had Four Sons (1941, b/w): Ingrid Bergman comforts a widower's family (87206)
12.00 Death of a Gunfighter (1969): Richard Widmark plays an ageing sheriff unable to accept retirement (903954)
1.50pm Avalon (1990): An immigrant family's experiences of America (21878515)
4.00 The Nutcracker Prince (1990): Animated version of the classic tale (2374)
6.00 The Gnomes Great Adventure (as 8am) (26119)
8.00 Shattered Family (1993): Richard Crenna fosters an abused boy (21664)
10.00 Two-Fisted Tales (1991): Three short action movies (897751)
11.35 Aces — Iron Eagle III (1991): Louis Gossett Jr plays an ace fighter pilot (752111)
1.15am Red Wind (1991): Erotic thriller, starring Lisa Hartman (236097)
2.50 False Identity (1990): Murder mystery, with Stacy Keach (253320)
4.25 Shattered Family (as 8pm) (340405). Ends at **5.55**

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Prime Bodies (38003) **7.30** American Sports (37654) **8.30** World Sports (66312) **9.00** Prime Bodies (57664) **9.30** Rugby League (30190) **10.30** Big League (22683) **11.30** US Golf (126206) **2.00pm** German Football (98732) **3.30** NBA Basketball (3515) **4.00** American Sports (42683) **5.00** Snowboarding (4751) **5.30** Trucks and Tractors (2886) **6.00** Soccer News (121190) **6.15** WWF Superstars of Wrestling (831596) **7.00** Football: Sheffield v West Ham (79275139) **10.15** Soccer News (643138) **10.30** NBA Basketball (26664) **12.30-2.30am** Football (as 7pm) (15900)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (42206) **8.00** Figure Skating (23683) **10.00** Football (98409) **12.00** Motorsport (91596) **1.00pm** Tennis (76312) **2.30** Eurofun (3138) **3.00** Motorcycling (25916) **4.00** Formula One (37751) **5.00** Football: Zaire v Mali (43461) **7.00** News (385867) **7.15** Football. Egypt v Gabon (328799) **9.15** Boxing (466003) **10.15** Eurogoals (480683) **11.15** Eurogolf (486867) **12.15-12.30am** News (5214964)

UK GOLD
7.00am The Sullivans (3022886) **7.30** Neighbours (9817190) **7.55** Sons and Daughters (9832409) **8.25** EastEnders (4156848) **9.00** The Bill (7478157) **9.30** Nancy Astor (8481935) **10.30** The Duchess of Duke Street (3255119) **11.30** The Sullivans (5905428) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (7458393) **12.30pm** Neighbours (7050138) **1.00** EastEnders (3021157) **1.30** The Bill (7059409) **2.00** Adrian Mole (4943409) **2.30** Man About the House (5040799) **3.00** Knots Landing (9032596) **3.55** Dynasty (7755799) **4.50** Every Second Counts (3613022) **5.25** Give Us a Clue (14211751) **5.55** Sykes (7127799) **6.30** EastEnders (5025480) **7.00** The Two Ronnies (9547732) **8.00** Sorry! (4923645) **8.30** Man About the House (4935480) **9.00** Shoestring (6543916) **10.00** The Bill (7459022) **10.30** Happy Families (4312157) **11.10** Top of the Pops (2910751) **11.50** Dr Who (1270206) **12.20-1.55am** FILM: Great Day in the Morning (1955): American Civil War drama (8678417)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Droibee Time (77577) **7.00** RatKan II (6414683) **7.15** Tic Tac Toons (282683) **7.45** Beverly Hill Teens (281954) **8.15** Head to Head (9408157) **8.30** Teddy Ruxpin (40670) **9.00** Bobby's World (91022) **9.30** Ghostbusters (27935) **10.00** Around the World (31799) **10.30** Castle of Adventure (97206) **11.00** Dinonders (79751) **11.30** Finder (70480) **12.00** He-Man (11886) **12.30pm** Dungeons and Dragons (21751) **1.00** You Can't Do That on TV (60799) **1.30** Mr Bogus (20022) **2.00** Potsworth (2799) **2.30** Noggin the Nog (9479206) **2.40** Crystal Tipps and Alistair (3753190) **2.45** Babar (816799) **3.15** RatKan II (4190916) **3.20** Manu (4111409) **3.30** Ernest the Vampire (6257157) **3.35** Special Link (5829461) **3.45** Spalf and Hercules (6236664) **3.55** Head to Head (4443848) **4.00** McGee and Me (4022) **4.30-5.00** T-Rex (8026)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Batfink (1133770) **7.15** Hero Turtles (640683) **7.45** Rugrats (649954) **8.15** Rocko's Modern Life (1051490) **8.30** Speed Racer (64954) **9.00** Ultraman (55206) **9.30** Visionaries (81119) **10.00** Legends (66436) **10.30** Galaxy High School (44190) **11.00** Chipmunks (26645) **11.30** Batfink/George (27374) **12.00** The Monkees (68770) **12.30pm** Galaxy High School (95935) **1.00** Clarissa (35916) **1.30** Land of the Lost (84206) **2.00** Blue (1041) **2.30** Pete and Pete (9312) **3.00** Galaxy High School (7848) **3.30** Hero Turtles (1157) **4.00** Attack of the Killer Tomatoes (6044) **4.30** Rugrats (6848) **5.00** Clarissa (2393) **5.30** Thriller (6288) **6.00** Doug (1111) **6.30-7.00** The Monkees (1393)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm The Private Lives of Dolphins (5866393) **5.00** Treasure Hunters (4925003) **5.30** Terra X (7106206) **6.05** Beyond 2000 (2768732) **7.00** Anything is Possible (4945867) **7.30** Spirit of Survival (5029206) **8.00** Columbus (9554022) **9.00** Aussies (9574886) **10.00** Big Race (7457664) **10.30** Valhalla (7466312) **11.00-12.00** China: the Unveiled Highlands (3006848)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM: The Duke Wore Jeans (1958, b/w): Tommy Steele takes on the identity of his aristocratic double (2307683) **1.45** FILM: Holiday Affair (1950, b/w): Romatic melodrama with Janet Leigh and Robert Mitchum (1613003) **3.15** Dodo (6951732) **3.30** The David Niven Show (5030312) **4.00** The Flying Nun (5026149) **4.30** My Three Sons (5015003) **5.00** Beverly Hillbillies (4952157) **5.30** Donny and Marie (5039683) **6.00** I Spy (7053225) **7.00** Cannon (9572428) **8.00** The Avengers (9558848) **9.00** FILM: Affair with a Stranger (1953, b/w): Romantic comedy starring Jean Simmons and Victor Mature (95880652) **10.45** Torchy, the Battery Boy (6507770) **11.00** Get Smart (5981848) **11.30-12.00** Twilight Zone (9309515)

UK LIVING
7.00am Living (3187645) **8.00** Fighting Back (4931119) **8.30** Rendezvous (4923190) **9.00** Dr Ruth (4947770) **9.30** Days of Our Lives (1353206) **10.30** Young and Restless (2199652) **11.30** Delia Smith (5018374) **12.00** Stars (80141596) **12.15** Living (21554577) **12.30pm** Housecalls (8350645) **1.00** On the House (8267886) **1.30** Rendezvous (8358916) **2.00** Agony Hour (8278157) **3.00** Living (2845225) **3.45** Gladrags (71057206) **4.00** Definition (4564022) **4.30** Infatuation (4560206) **5.00** Rodeo Drive (6509683) **5.30** Fame and Fortune (7848664) **5.45** Kilroy (5988683) **6.30** Six Cooks (4565751) **7.00** Definition (6596119) **7.30** That's Amore (4561935) **8.00** Young and Restless (3469190) **9.00** FILM: Blue Heaven: A wife is threatened by her new husband (3479577) **11.00** That's Amore (5032954) **11.30** Infatuation (8266312) **12.00-1.00am** Agony Hour (3074981)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm Big Brother Jake (6751) **5.30** Zorro (4886) **6.00** The Wonder Years (1799) **6.30** Catchphrase (5751) **7.00** All Clued Up (6515) **7.30** Pyramid Game (1935) **8.00** All Together Now (2935) **8.30** GP (4770) **9.00** Lou Grant (90732) **10.00** Trivial Pursuit (12515) **10.30** Rhoda (96935) **11.00** Remington Steele (47848) **12.00-1.00am** The Big Valley (17233)

MTV
5.00am Wild Side (173955) **8.00** VJ Ingo (647409) **11.00** Soul (51041) **12.00** Hits (19916) **1.00pm** VJ Simone (418664) **3.30** Report (5853428) **3.45** Movies (5841683) **4.00** MTV News (9755022) **4.15** 3 from 1 (9745645) **4.30** Dial MTV (2864) **5.00** Hit List (90139) **7.00** Hits (71026) **8.00** Guns 'n' Roses Trilogy (12954) **9.00** Real World II (68845) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (10645) **10.00** Report (448770) **10.15** Movies (443225) **10.30** News (294409) **10.45** 3 from 1 (282664) **11.00** Hit List (59867) **1.00am** VJ Marijne Van Der Vlugt (42639) **2.00-5.00** Videos (5814784)

TV ASIA
6.00am Persian Dawn (64003) **7.00** Regional News (58954) **7.30** Asian Morning (37461) **8.00** Hindi News (90175) **8.30** Urdu News (6713683) **8.45** English News (6718138) **9.00** Saheel (19041) **10.00** Pakistani FILM (393799) **1.00pm** Mullah Nassrudin (57225) **1.30** Cricket: India v New Zealand (260374) **4.30** Kiddie Time (7732) **5.00-6.00** TVA and You (2312) **7.00** Face to Face (2157) **7.30** BBCD (7577) **8.00** English News (849799) **8.15** Hindi FILM (43222119) **11.15** Padosi (838549) **12.05am** Five Past Midnight (6519639) **1.35** Sight and Sound (66408455)

TNT
Theme: Happy Birthday Freddie Bartholomew
7.00pm A Yank at Eton (1942, b/w) An American proves himself at an English school (76382935)
8.40 Lord Jeff (1938, b/w): The black sheep of a family is sent to naval school (84984848)
10.10 The Devil Is a Sissy (1936, b/w): Mickey Rooney as an English boy in America who goes off the rails (23415802)
11.55 Her Twelve Men (1954): A teacher tames her unruly charges (74454693)
1.40am Boys Ranch (1946, b/w): City kids live on a millionaire's ranch (80968225)
3.25 Wild Boys of the Road (1933, b/w). Melodrama set in the Depression era (38280558). Ends at **5.00**

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Opec fails to agree cuts in output quotas

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

■ Opec pledged strict adherence to the quotas and said that it was toughening measures to punish countries who produced too much oil during 1994

WORLD oil prices are likely to fall today following the failure of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) to reach agreement at the weekend on a cut in their production quotas.

Meeting in Geneva, the Opec countries only managed to agree to freeze current output quotas until the end of this year after Saudi Arabia, the largest oil exporter, refused to cut its production. This decision flew in the face of demands from Iran and other Opec members to cut 1 million barrels per day off current output quotas and so help boost oil prices.

Saudi Arabia has blamed non-Opec oil producers such as Britain, where oil production has been rising strongly, for the collapse in crude prices last year.

In a communiqué, Opec urged other oil producers to "contribute to the effort made by Opec to stabilise the market and to support prices by freezing production levels for the balance of 1994". Opec argued that it was in the interests of all producers to limit production because they were "being equally affected by the very low oil prices".

Dr Subroto, Opec's secretary-general, said after the meeting: "The overriding argument was the art of possibilities." Hisham Nazer, Saudi Arabi's oil minister, said that the agreement was "the best we could do under the circumstances". Erwin Arrieta, Venezuela's oil minister, said that he had opted against cutting output to preserve market share against non-Opec producers. In 1993, the North Sea alone produced 500,000 barrels per day.

In its communiqué, Opec pledged strict adherence to quotas and said that it was toughening up measures to punish countries who broke them.

Oil analysts said that crude prices should not fall sharply in the wake of the meeting but prices are expected to drop some distance when trading resumes today. Crude oil futures had rallied strongly in late trading in London on Friday, the official start of the Opec meeting, on speculation that a cut in output would be agreed and it is at least likely that these gains will be reversed. In New York, Nymex crude for May delivery ended five cents a barrel higher at $15.13.

World bond markets, racked with nervousness since the US Federal Reserve's preemptive strike against inflation last month, and increasingly panicky about the risk of higher inflation, should receive some background support from Opec's failure to cut production on the assumption that prices will remain weak. Nevertheless, it is difficult to gauge whether there will be a positive reaction in the short term because the psychology of bond investors remains shattered.

Crude oil currently costs around $14 a barrel and analysts said that the decision to reset Opec's overall ceiling at 24.52 million barrels per day would allow only a gradual, modest recovery from this level. Current levels are hardly any higher, taking inflation into account, than they were before the Arab oil embargo in 1973.

Mary Quinn, oil analyst at SG Warburg in New York, said that the decision to roll over the current ceiling could lead to temporary weakness in crude prices but she added that she expected prices to rise as the year progressed simply on supply and demand projections.

Leo Drollas, chief economist at the Centre for Global Energy Studies, a think tank led by Saudi Arabia's former oil minister Sheikh Yamani, said that demand for Opec oil would be more than a million barrels per day above the quota ceiling by the end of this year. He predicted that crude prices would be at least $1 a barrel higher by December.



Deuce: Dr Subroto played tennis before the meeting that left quotas unchanged

Two-year account planned at Lloyd's

BY SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

LLOYD'S of London hopes to move to two-year accounting from the end of next year, a change that would ease financial strain on names by bringing forward payment of the insurance market's profits.

The 1992 and 1993 years of account would be closed by reinsurance at the same time.

Lloyd's works under a three-year accounting system with each year of account having a three-year life, at the end of which it is reinsured to close. Under the current system, 1993 would be closed into the 1996 underwriting year and names would receive any profits later that year.

If it is changed, names will receive any cheques a year earlier, alleviating the burden of years of horrendous losses, which have already topped £5 billion and are set to rise further this summer. According to estimates, inside and outside the market, names are set to face losses of £2 billion this summer, incurred on the 1991 year of account.

Peter Middleton, Lloyd's chief executive, said: "I would like to move to two-year accounting. But there are technical problems involved and we will have to see whether the plan is technically possible."

By the end of April, Lloyd's ruling council will have decided whether to extend names' use of 5 per cent of their premium trust funds to meet their losses or solvency requirements. This measure, introduced last year, has proved popular with names.

Names are to be told, early in May, of Lloyd's thinking on names' preemption rights and capacity management.

Westland to reveal takeover defence

BY MELVYN MARCKUS, CITY EDITOR

TODAY'S defence document from Westland, battling against GKN's £500 million takeover bid, is expected to focus on a forecast of sharply higher profits and an increased dividend for this year. GKN, led by Sir David Lees, has a week to respond but, in all probability, will launch a revised offer well before Easter.

City analysts have long expected Westland to predict a pre-tax profit rise from £30.5 million to around £35-£36 million, although speculation last week was that the prophecy could reach £40 million.

If Westland's profit forecast significantly beats £36 million, the composition of the forecast will come under close scrutiny. Of particular interest will be the predicted level of R&D spend, compared with 1992-93's near-£15 million expenditure. Westland's treatment of the £25 million payment received in respect of its claim against the Arab Organisation for Industrialisation will come under the microscope, as will redundancy costs and the one-off payment of £3.3 million anticipated from a land sale.

Sir David has consistently stressed that the 290p cash offer is "fair": the hint being that any increase will be modest. Westland's defence is expected to elicit even fairer terms, but analysts' hopes of a knockout offer of upwards of 350p have dissolved.

Westland shares closed last week at 317½p, a premium of 27½p over GKN's terms. Depending on Westland's defence package, GKN, with 45 per cent, is poised to raise its offer to between 320p and 330p: terms of 325p indicating an historic exit p/e of 26.4.

TeleWest aims to raise £400m in selloff



Cable: 130 franchises

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

TELEWEST Communications is leading a cluster of American and Canadian holders of UK cable television franchises which are preparing to float their British operations in London. They are keen to crystallise the value of their holdings to reassure US investors by cashing in on a surge of City interest in cable.

Some also fear rising demands for change in a regulatory regime which enables them to grab telephone and entertainment customers while BT is barred from broadcasting televison programmes and deprived of comparable opportunities in North America by more protectionist policies.

Awareness of the political risk is plain in a research document by Goldman Sachs, appointed, with Kleinwort Benson, to advise TeleWest on its flotation. "Future legislation may swing against cable and a future government may become a lot more nationalistic, discriminating against majority foreign ownership," it says. Although ministers have repeated pledges not to review the cable operators' privileged position before 1998, "cable companies may wish to protect themselves against the nationalist issue by obtaining a UK public listing".

Lord Young, the Mercury chairman, last week called for the goal of telecoms regulation in Britain to shift from encouraging competing networks to promoting open access to existing infrastructure. Since 1984, 130 cable franchises have been awarded, capable of serving 14.9 million households. The growing pace of investment, now estimated to exceed £2.7 billion, means the industry is poised to reach critical mass needed to go into profit. Already, cable companies are offering television and telephony to 3 million customers and expect 5-6million by the decade's end. TeleWest is in the vanguard of realising some of the cable companies' investment. Britain's biggest operator, it is believed to want to raise £400 million via a sale of a minority of its UK operations. Comcast, with franchises for 450,000 UK homes, has raised $240 million from a US share issue to finance UK investment. Bell Canada and Jones Cable, which have cross holdings in UK franchises with over 1.2 million potential subscribers, may mount a common float of UK interests. General Cable, part-owned by Société Générale des Eaux, is expected to offer a minority stake in its UK operations.

UK late-payers 'worst in Europe'

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

AS CONSULTATION on how to clamp down on late payment of debts ends this week, a new survey has found that British companies' poor record for paying on time is getting worse.

British firms have also identified UK companies as the worst payers in Europe and a source of more delays than buyers from Italy, France or Spain — countries which enjoy notoriety as poor payers. The latest survey by Intrum Justitia, Europe's biggest debt collector, found that of 1,000 respondents, 52 per cent said that slow payment was deteriorating. Only 15 per cent saw some improvement, while 33 per cent reported no change.

The findings come as the Trade Department is due to start digesting responses to a consultation document on late payment, which has been, and continues to be, the cause of collapse for hundreds of small businesses. The DTI was seeking views on various solutions, including forcing debtors to pay interest on late bills.

A quarter of respondents reported a serious loss of profits due to late payment, but 79 per cent said they suffered reduced profits because of delayed payments. Almost 90 per cent backed the idea of legislation to give companies a statutory right to interest on overdue payments.

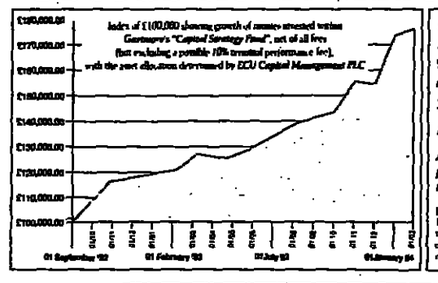
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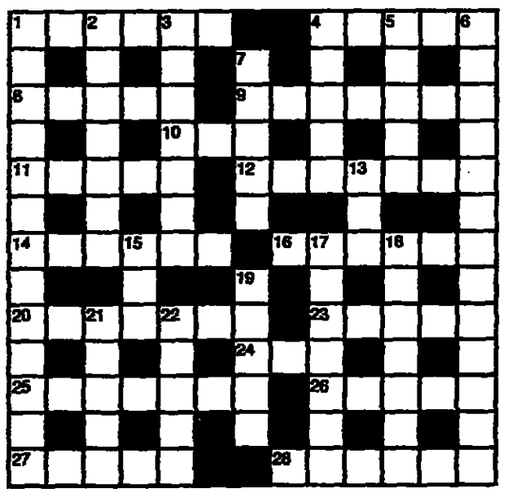
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1 Think well of (6)
4 Greek philosopher; sneering person (5)
8 Soothes to sleep (5)
9 Earphone and microphone apparatus (7)
10 American *Raven* poet (3)
11 Shiny coat; fit a pane (5)
12 Continue (5,2); fuss (5-2)
14 Inferior substitute (6)
16 Depends crucially (6)
20 Optimistic (7)
23 Christmas show (5)
24 Shelter (3)
25 Places for displaying fish (7)
26 Old property tax (5)
27 Full of pebbles; cold-hearted (5)
28 Open slope (in front of fort) (6)

DOWN
1 Quarrelling (2,11)
2 Pre-Raphaelite *Bubbles* painter (7)
3 Treat with deference (7)
4 Professorial position (5)
5 Unpleasant (5)
6 Abandon unprofitable enterprise (3,4,6)
7 Verify; stem (5)
13 Smuggle (3)
15 Long time; grow older (3)
17 Put in danger (7)
18 Inherited; this code in DNA (7)
19 Diminish (suspicion) (5)
21 Furthest planet (5)
22 Sudden raid (5)

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Door opens to Chinese exchange

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, IN SHANGHAI

FOREIGN broking firms are to be allowed to become members of the Shanghai Securities Exchange.

Although 21 foreign brokers have been granted seats on the exchange since trading in 'B' shares began in 1992, they have not been entitled to membership and have to do business through a joint venture with one of seven local brokers. This has meant foreigners paying 20 per cent commission to their local sponsor for nothing more than the right to do business.

Admission of foreigners will help to open the market to competition and is likely, in time, to lead to merging of 'A' and 'B' shares. Chinese nationals can invest in privatised stocks through Chinese brokers, paying in local currency. Foreign investors can buy into Chinese industry via 'B' shares, traded in US dollars.

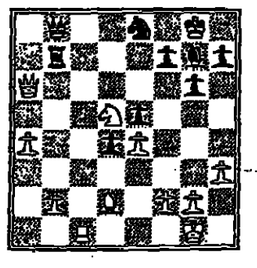
Li Qian, for the exchange, said Peking had not yet approved a new "special membership" for foreigners. She felt sure that it will happen by the year's end and that it will help to make local brokers, deprived of the 20 per cent commission, more competitive.

A growing number of foreign banks are opening Shanghai offices in anticipation of the change. Standard Chartered already has two exchange seats and NM Rothschild recently opened up. Last week, Barings joined them and Schroders is planning to move in.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Sanchez - Unzicker, Stockholm 1952. White to play and win material.



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

BIRL
a. A Highlander's feather bonnet
b. To rotate
c. The silver birch

AFFENPINSCHER
a. A male corset
b. A mercenary archer
c. A small dog

NIPTER
a. Foot-washing
b. A waitress
c. A vine suckling

POLIORCETICS
a. Premature greying of hair
b. A fatty diet
c. The art of sieges

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